

*Governor's
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Greetings from Governor Herbert



Utah is known for many things: our beautiful and rich natural resources, our variety of outdoor activities, the theater, arts, and music, the Greatest Snow on Earth®, and most importantly, the quality and character of our people. Because of Utah's wonderful people, our quality of life is extraordinary.

Utah claims many incredible natural resources and beautiful landscapes, but I believe our greatest resource and most enduring legacy is our people, and the richness and diversity of the lives they lead. Utah's people truly enhance Utah's beauty. Chief among these are our Centenarians – remarkable people who have reached the incredible milestone of their 100th birthday.

It is my sincere privilege and honor to recognize these Centenarians, who have helped strengthen the legacy of our great state through their example of healthy living, maintaining a positive outlook, and setting an example for multiple generations. Over

their lives, they have seen incredible changes which those of our younger generation cannot imagine. They are our living connection to the founders and builders of our state and great inspiration to all.

Since 1987, the Office of the Governor and the Division of Aging and Adult Services have recognized these amazing individuals and honored them for the tremendous contributions they have made to the history of Utah.

It is my privilege to welcome each new Centenarian into the prestigious Governor's Century Club of Utah. To both honor their lives and help preserve their legacy for those who will follow, the Division of Aging and Adult Services works to collect life histories and photographs from Utah's Centenarians. This year, we are pleased to present the seventh edition of the Governor's Century Club of Utah Yearbook. The remarkable histories of our treasured Centenarians are inspiring to those who read them.

I am confident all who read this book will gain increased admiration and appreciation of those who have lived such long lives and seen such vast changes in the world.

History of the Governor's Century Club of Utah

Times were when the popular belief was that people of advanced age should be left alone and not bothered. In 1985, with the intent of proving that many older people enjoy socialization and actives in the community, Lynn Peters Alder implemented the Phoenix Centenarian Program. In 1987, the National Institute of Aging established a National Centenarian Recognition Day, and in her role as volunteer consultant, Ms. Alder contacted every state in the USA to encourage local participation.

In response to this request, the Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services contacted Governor Norman H. Bangerter who, along with Mrs. Bangerter, graciously invited all of Utah's Centenarians to the Governor's Mansion for a light brunch in their honor. The tradition, which came to be known as the Governor's Century Club Celebration, continued under Governors Michael Leavitt, Olene Walker, Jon Huntsman, and Gary Herbert.

The celebrations initially were held in the mansion's ballroom and later in the mansion's gardens. After a fire damaged the mansion in December 1993, the event was held in various locations before it returned to the mansion's gardens. As more people were living longer, healthier lives, the Century Club Celebration outgrew the mansion. The celebration was moved to the Utah State Fairpark, and in 2008 and 2009 it was held in the newly-restored State Capitol Rotunda. In 2010 and 2011, the celebration was held at the new Multi-Agency State office Building. In 2012 it was held at Noah's Reception Center in Draper.

In 1987, thirty-two Centenarians attended. In 2009, fifty-seven Centenarians came to the celebration in the State Capitol Rotunda, along with their guests. In 2012 fifty-eight Centenarians and their guests attended the celebration.

The year 2000 brought an extremely rare occurrence. All Centenarians age 101 or more could proudly state they had lived during three centuries! By 2005, several Centenarians were given bragging rights to a unique and outstanding fact, a few of them had been greeted by, and had their pictures taken with three different governors. The year 2011 marked the twenty-fifth celebration of Utah's Centenarians.

The number of Centenarians on the list kept by the Division of Aging and Adult Services peaked in June 2010 when there were 156 on the list. The oldest person in the history of the Governor's Century Club of Utah was Joe Begay, a Native American living on the reservation near Bluff. He was born on March 15, 1886, and passed away in late 2001, just a few months shy of his 116th birthday. When he was 112, his children had to "take away his car keys" by refusing to let him continue to ride his horse.

It is hoped you will be inspired by the stories of Utah's wonderful Centenarians.

Century Club



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Celebration !!!



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Gilbert C. Allington

Gilbert C. Allington was born in 1913 in Holladay, Utah, the sixth child born to Walter Henry Allington and Elizabeth Howard Allington. He and his sister have outlived their siblings.

Education: Gilbert went to Irving school for nine years, graduated from Granite high school, and went for a year to LDS Business College.



At Fort Douglas

Outstanding memories: Gilbert was raised on a two acre farm in which he learned how to grow and care for fruit trees, vegetables, horses, cows, cats, dogs, pigs, and sheep. As a young boy, Gilbert took violin lessons and played with his school orchestra. His first job after college was as a clerk at a grocery store, he did various duties including stocking and delivering goods. He later went to work as a bookkeeper at a tailor shop, and then he went to Fort Douglas. While at Fort Douglas, he served two years, ten months and ten days. In the military he had the opportunity to serve in Australia and New Guinea, when he came back he was stationed for a while in Texas, at one point he was sent to California to assist at the United Nation's conference.



Wedding day 1937

Gilbert married Naomi Gatherum in 1937; they were happily married for sixty-eight years. In 1942, Gilbert remembers moving in to his new home on "Washington's Birthday", the house was beautiful and had mature fruit trees and berries. This inspired Gilbert to grow his own variety of vegetables for many years to come. Gilbert and Naomi bought a pick-up truck and a camper which made it possible to enjoy family camping trips in the following years. Gilbert especially enjoyed to fish and rifle hunt deer. He cherishes all the special moments shared with his daughter and later on with his grandchildren.

Gilbert was able to go bowling until he was ninety-six years old, but his all-time favorite hobby has been and still is gardening.

Favorite accomplishments: Graduating from high school, bowling in the National Senior Tournament. Gilbert has always experienced good health, and he is thankful for that.

Impressive changes: "The growth of population all around the places I grew up. Seeing the creation and evolution of technology, television, movies, automobiles, air traveling."

Hobbies and activities: "I just try to do the best I can with the abilities I possess."

Secret to longevity: "Keeping busy and watching out for my health."

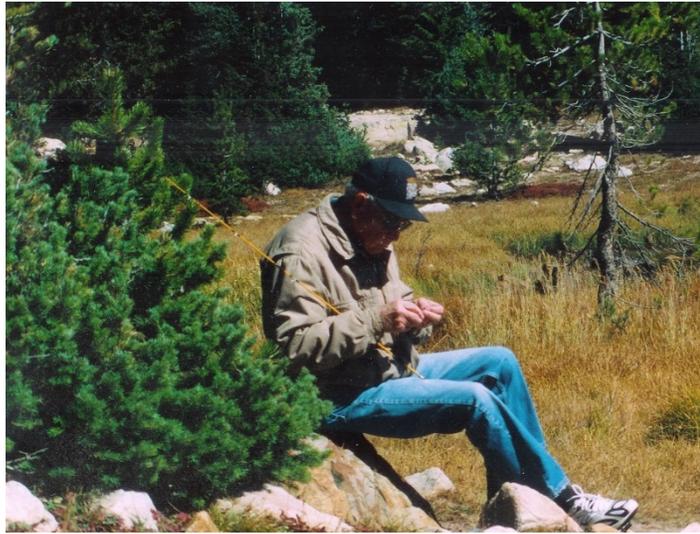
Best advice: "Look for the love of life and appreciate what comes your way."

Descendants: One daughter and eight grandchildren.



Grand daughters Lindsey and Grace

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On a fishing trip



Mowing his lawn



Tending his garden

Carla Poulsen Anderson

Carla Kiersten Sofia Poulsen was born in 1909 in Copenhagen, Amager, Denmark, the first of two children born to Christian Thorstein and Carlfine Bodil Jahn Poulsen.

Education: Carla attended elementary school in Centerfield, Utah and high school in Gunnison, Utah.

Outstanding memories: While Carla was a small child, her parents made plans to immigrate to America. Her father came first and worked in the mines at McGill, Nevada, saving his money for the happy day when the family could be reunited. After he earned enough money for their passage, he withdrew his money from the bank and placed it under his bed pillow, with the plan to send it to his family the next morning. Unfortunately, someone knew about the money and stole it that very night. With a heavy heart, Christian sent word to his wife and little daughter he would have to keep working to save more money before they could come to America.



Carla and her mother left Copenhagen, Denmark in 1914 and arrived at Ellis Island a few weeks later. Carla does not remember much about the voyage, but she remembers the big red apple the missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gave her when she received her immunizations. The Poulsen family was ecstatic when they were at last reunited in Utah.

Although school was a challenge for Carla because of the language barrier, she was able to make many friends. Her friends loved to hear her speak Danish.

In Denmark



Carla with her father as a toddler



Carla with her mother age five

When Carla was eleven years old, tragedy struck her family. Her mother passed away two days after giving birth to Carla's little brother. Life was very lonely without her, although Carla says she has always felt her mother was watching over her.

While in her teens, Carla worked two summers in Provo Bench (now Orem) picking raspberries and strawberries. She married Miles Nephi Anderson when she was eighteen years old. They were later sealed in the Manti LDS Temple. They raised a family of four children and spent sixty-eight happy years together.

Favorite accomplishments: Carla worked at local grocery stores, Frank's Five & Ten-Cent store in Gunnison, Utah, and in a care center in Mayfield, Utah. She also cared for elderly people in her home. Carla worked hard to help her family through the Great Depression. She and her husband learned to be self-sufficient by planting a garden and canning fruits and vegetables. She was also a master at cooking and baking. No one ever left Miles and Carla's home feeling hungry. Of all her lifetime accomplishments, her most favorite is the four generations of her descendants.

Impressive changes: Carla explains, there have been so many changes in my life. Communications - I don't understand all the computer technology. In fact, I have to call my grandson to adjust my TV. Transportation has certainly changed. When we arrived here by train at the depot, we traveled by horse and buggy to our home. "I think the people have changed. Everyone seems to be too busy to enjoy the simple things in life."

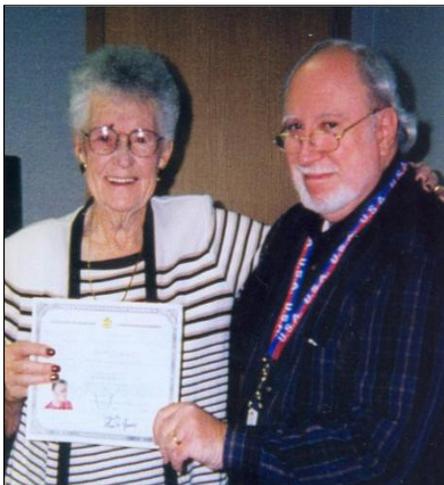


Hobbies and activities: Before her vision weakened, Carla loved to crochet and embroid. She likes to dance, travel, play cards, and spend time with her family. Throughout her life, she has shared her talents and hobbies with family and friends.

Secret to longevity: Carla recommends having a sense of humor and being able to laugh at yourself. She says, "I wonder why I have lived so long? I guess the Lord doesn't want me and the devil doesn't know what to do with me!"

Best advice: Carla advises, "Try to live with a generous nature, with lots of compassion, and a warm heart. Always do more than your share in helping others and you will always be happy."

Descendants: Four children, eleven grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, and thirty-eight great-great-grandchildren.



Carla receiving her U.S. citizenship papers



Carla and Miles Anderson

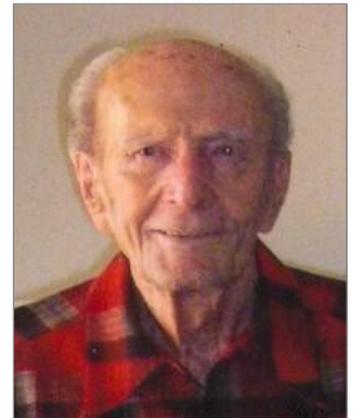
Elvin M. Anderson

Elvin M. “Andy” Anderson was born in 1912 in Oasis, Utah, the first of two children born to Peter M. and Tora Marie Jensen Anderson. He has outlived his sister and two half-brothers.

Education: Elvin attended Grammar School of Oasis; graduated from Hinckley high school, class of 1930; took a number of real estate related courses at UCLA and received his real estate license from the State of California.

Outstanding memories: Andy lived on his family’s farm for nineteen years. One day he decided to ride the Union Pacific to Los Angeles for a two-week vacation. He loved the weather and after smelling the orange blossoms he decided to stay in Los Angeles. In 1936, Elvin married June Diebold. After working in real estate, Elvin and June retired and moved to Oceanside, California where they lived for thirteen years. The couple decided to buy a house in St. George after realizing while on vacation the clean air made June feel much better. Elvin enjoys everything about St. George including the beautiful scenery, clean air, classes and tours for seniors, cultural activities, and good health care.

Favorite accomplishments: Elvin says he kicked around for two years working odd jobs between Los Angeles and San Francisco before working thirteen years for Chevron Standard Oil, three years in the Marine Corps stationed in the South Pacific, seven years running a service station, garage and tow trucks and twenty-one years working in a wonderful office selling real estate in Malibu, California.



At a geology trip with Dixie State College 1991

Impressive changes: Elvin says, “Economics are the most significant changes. You worked for a dollar a day if you could find a job. Today a tradesman makes \$50 to \$100 an hour. In the Depression days, money was hard-earned and not wasted.”

Hobbies and activities: Elvin started golfing in 1976 and played until he was almost ninety years old. He enjoyed traveling throughout the United States. He once took a three-month perimeter trip from Los Angeles to Key West to Quebec to Washington State and back to Los Angeles in an Airstream trailer. Andy and June would take two months every year to explore the states, parks, and Indian sites. While traveling they enjoyed good music, dance, and arts. Elvin cherishes his continued activity in Rotary, Lions, American Legion, and Elks Clubs.

Secret to longevity: “I keep breathing in and out!! Live healthy, eat healthy, and exercise. Keep mind and body active with current news and what is going on around you.”

Best advice: “Stay active and be interested in people, State, and Nation.”

“Be aware. Be positive.”



Married Couple

Honorato Aostri

Honorato Aostri was born in Bercero, Spain in 1913; he was the first born child to Eletorio Aostri and Cleoti López.

Outstanding memories: Honorato grew up in Spain and went to local schools. Life was hard and his family migrated around Spain and Europe in order to get jobs. As he grew, he was raised as a migrant and traveled around different migrant camps. When he was thirteen, he became interested in playing soccer and enjoyed playing on the roads with his siblings. When he was sixteen he traveled to Cuba with some of his relatives that owned an import/export business. While in Cuba, he married at age thirty. Both of his children were born in Cuba, but at the ages of nine and seven the children were turned over to the custody of the Cuban government and sent to Miami, U.S. in the care of foster parents. He and his wife moved to Puerto Rico and seven years later they were able to reunite with their two children, but the children stayed in the custody of the adoptive family. His children were returned to them when they were ages thirteen and fifteen. Today Honorato lives with his son in Syracuse, Utah. He goes by Aostri among family and friends.



Favorite accomplishments: Honorato has always taken good care of himself and always wanted to better himself with the resources he had. His major accomplishment was to be reunited with his children.

Impressive changes: Honorato is amazed by the many changes around him. He remembers walking on dirt roads and now the roads are paved. To Honorato it is “unbelievable” the benefits of having electricity and telephones.”

Hobbies and activities: Honorato enjoys to read when his eye sight allows him, he likes to socialize and meet new people.

Secret to longevity: He accredits his longevity to not worrying too much. He has always kept a good diet and although he did smoke when he was younger, he did not inhale it. He enjoyed having some wine at dinner time. Kept a good sleep and rest time.

Best advice: “Live your life without judging or trying to change things. Live life like it was your last day, always be considerate of others.” Honorato has seen a lot in his life, but he is not ready to quit.

Descendants: Two children and three grandchildren.



With his son

Garnett L. Aurich

Garnett Leona Root was born in 1910 in her parents' home in Big Springs, Nebraska, one of four children born to Loren Dell Root and Blanche Viola Steward Root. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: Garnett went to grade school in Big Springs, Nebraska and attended junior high and high school in La Junta, Colorado. During her senior year, Garnett's mother became very ill. Garnett dropped out of school to care for her and was unable to graduate from high school. Her father worked as a principal over the school at the time.

Outstanding memories: Garnett worked in a telephone office as a girl. Phones worked differently back then and Garnett's job was to plug in a cord each time someone made a call. Later, she did billing for the telephone company. Garnett also cared for an older woman, often doing housework for her.



Carl and Garnett at their seventy-third wedding anniversary

Favorite accomplishments: Garnett feels her main accomplishments in life have been raising a good family, going back to school at age forty-one, learning to type, and do bookkeeping.

In 1929, Garnett met her husband, Carl C. Aurich, at her cousins' party. She and Carl were married on St. Patrick's Day in 1930 in Las Animas, Colorado. Shortly after marrying, Garnett and Carl bought a dry farm in Westcliffe, Colorado where the couple grew mainly potatoes and peas to make a living. They used horses to plow their fields and later bought a Model-T Ford Carl used to haul potatoes. Garnett remembers money being very tight during the Great Depression. Carl's coveralls had been patched so many times that Garnett could not patch them anymore. They had no money to buy new ones so Carl killed a coyote and sent the pelt in to Sears. He got enough money to buy himself a new pair of coveralls. Seven years after they married Garnett gave birth to their first son in their home in Westcliffe. Six months later they left the farm, using a trailer Carl had built to move from place to place. With their trailer and a 1937 Ford, the young family moved to Oregon where their second son was born. They later moved to Las Animas, where Garnett's parents lived, and their third son, was born. In Las Animas, Carl learned to be a carpenter, the occupation he would practice the rest of his life.

When World War II started Carl was spared from service. Instead, he was needed in the US to build various

projects throughout the west for the government. He worked on special projects for the government until 1943, when their family settled in Sweet Home, Oregon. During the eight years they lived in Sweet Home, their fourth son was born. In 1951, Carl and his oldest son headed north to Spenard, Alaska in search for work for Carl. After Carl found work, Garnett followed with the three younger boys, selling their home and driving the 3,000 miles to Spenard with their trailer hitched to the back of her car.

In Spenard, Garnett decided to go back to school to learn to type and do bookkeeping. She worked at Fort Richardson until the family left Alaska in 1968. Garnett still remembers the Great Alaska Earthquake of 1964 which hit the Prince William Sound region while her family lived in Alaska. "The aftershocks made me so nervous!" Garnett recalls. In 1968, the Aurich's moved to Grants Pass, Oregon. They lived in Grants Pass until 2001 when Carl broke his leg and he and Garnett had to move in with their oldest son in Clearfield, Utah. Carl passed away two years later, about a month after celebrating their seventy-third wedding anniversary.

Impressive changes: "The most impressive change I have seen in my life has been seeing us go from the horse and buggy to landing on the moon," Garnett explains, "The dial telephones I had when I was a girl are now cell phones and everyone has one. Computers were not even thought of back then. Cars had to be cranked with a hand crank to get them started and now they are so full of gadgets that there is no similarity. Television was not even thought of then nor was satellite transmission and GPS. The most we had was a radio where you strung a line across the back yard to get a signal. We had to heat with wood and had lights with oil lamps. Now we have central heat and electric lights. Ships were driven by coal and now they have atomic reactors driving them. Our roads were just gravel and mud and you had a hard time getting any place. If you could go thirty-five miles per hour with a Model-T Ford, you were really going fast. Now we have freeways and cars that will go over 100 miles per hour. We had to plow our fields with horses. Now they have tractors plowing a whole bunch of furrows at once. We washed our clothes with a scrub board and now look at the washing machines we have! We made our own soap, canned our own food, and cut our own ice out of the lake. We burned wood for heat and now it is done with gas and a furnace. We had to use an outhouse and now we have all the modern conveniences you can imagine."

Hobbies and activities: Garnett loves to read books and travel to many different places.

Secret to longevity: Garnett credits her long life to keeping her mind active, the medical technology that exists today, and being able to live with a family member instead of being in a nursing home.

Best advice: "Be thankful you have all the things that you have today and keep active and eat healthy."

Descendants: Four children, sixteen grandchildren, forty-eight great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Walter S. Bailey

Walter Shaw Bailey was born in 1912 in his parents' home in North Ogden, Utah, the fourth of six children born to James Alma and Ellen Louise Shaw Bailey. He and his younger brother have outlived their other four siblings.

Education: Walter attended school in North Ogden, graduating from the new Weber high school in Ogden.

Outstanding memories and favorite accomplishments: Walter had a great childhood surrounded by loving family members in a small community where many of his friends were also his cousins. Walter remembers his father coming home with an \$800 bonus and struggling to decide if he should spend it on a new Dodge or two Fords.



Walter with his older siblings (L to R): Floyd, Lottie, LaVerne, and Walter

When Walter was eighteen his father died leaving his mother with three children at home as the world spiraled into the Great Depression. Shortly after his father died, Walter met Margaret Harding at a church dance. They started dating, but because of the economic condition they waited eight years before they finally felt they could support a family. They were married in 1937 and were sealed for time and all eternity in 1978 in the Ogden LDS Temple.

While working as a carpenter, Walter had an accident and severed his right index finger at the first knuckle. Walter later drove a delivery truck for Coca Cola of Ogden. His two most notable stops were the Italian POW Camp in Ogden and the Bushnell Army Hospital in Brigham City. The Italians were one of the happiest groups of men he had ever met. His most memorable day at the Bushnell Hospital was the day a couple of psychiatrists wrestled him into a straitjacket and forced him into a padded room.

Walter and Margaret had their first two sons born in 1940 and 1944. In 1948, Walter became a partner in a gas service station in Burley, Idaho. Within a few years Walter was awarded a Phillips 66 bulk jobbership for Cassia County. With a lot of hard work, their service station thrived.

In 1950, a third son was born. In 1952, Walter and Margaret purchased a house on 2.5 acres in Burley, Idaho, with space for horses, cows, chickens, dogs, and cats. Their last child, a girl, was born in 1954.

Walter later joined the Cassia County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. He loved his posse friends and performing in fairs and rodeos. In 1962, the posse was selected to represent Idaho at the Seattle World's Fair.

Walter's Phillip 66 service station business was devastated when the new interstate highway was built, bypassing Cassia County. In 1964 he sold the business, his home, most of his horses, and returned to North Ogden. He joined with a group of investors to form North Ogden Finance Company where he was a principal until he retired



Walter as a baby

Walter loved horses from a young age

in 1978. Eventually he sold all of his horses, but kept fishing, his one remaining hobby. Walter and Margaret also began spending their Winters in Mesa, Arizona.

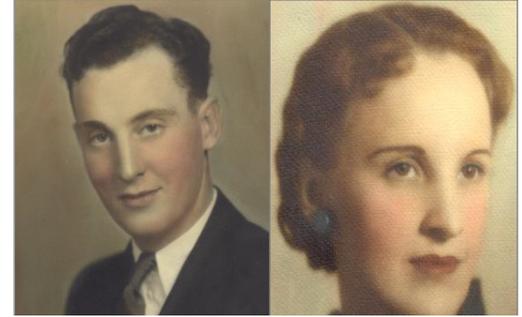


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Walter and Margaret loved to travel, often joining with Walter's sister, brother, and their spouses to travel around the western United States. In 1978, the three couples loaded into a motorhome for a three-week church and U.S. history tour. They also traveled to Hawaii, cruised to Bermuda, and made numerous trips to New Jersey to visit their son and his family. Their son loved taking them to places up and down the East Coast.

Margaret passed away in 2004 after sixty-six years of marriage. Walter continued to drive and to live independently in their home until a

nasty fall slowed him down in 2009. He now lives with his son and daughter-in-law in Ogden. In 2012, more than 250 people gathered to celebrate Walter's 100th birthday. For the party he wanted a family softball game with hot dogs and root beer. However, the day of the celebration he was too busy greeting people to take his turn at bat as he has done in previous years.



Walter and Margaret in the late 1930s

Hobbies and activities: Walter keeps his mind sharp by reading the newspaper daily. He's a big fan of BYU football and Utah Jazz basketball. He loves family gatherings and has a special affinity for his little great-granddaughters who like to cuddle.

Secret to longevity: Walter credits his good health to his love for taking long walks. When asked his secret, Walter replied with a twinkle in his eyes, "I certainly didn't plan it. I just wake up each morning and discover I'm still here."

Descendants: Four children, eighteen grandchildren, and fifty-nine great-grandchildren.



Walter and Margaret, Christmas 2002



Walter and Margaret with children Jack, Kent, Bob, and Ann 1955

Katie Chipman Bills

Katie Chipman was born in 1913 in American Fork, Utah. She is the oldest of six children born to Donald Chipman and Golda Chipman. She is one of two children still living.

Education: Katie attended American Fork high school where she graduated.

Outstanding memories: Katie remembers working with her mother making dresses. She used to ride the train to Salt Lake City to Auerbach's to sketch dresses so she could go home and make them.

She enjoyed riding in her grandfather's old tin truck for picnics up American Fork Canyon and picking fruit from his orchard.

Katie loved to ice skate on Utah Lake; she broke her back skating when she was sixteen years old!

Some of Katie's favorite places are Montana, Weber River, and Yellowstone.

Some of Katie's favorite things are sewing, cleaning her house and climbing Mt. Timpanogos when she was fifteen years old.

Favorite accomplishments: Katie believes some of her greatest accomplishments are her sewing, housekeeping, her life in the church, and of course her family.

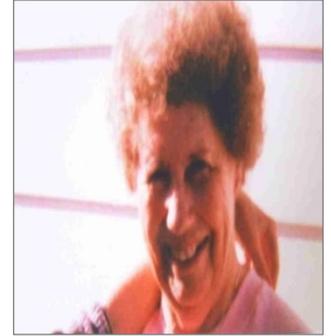
Impressive changes: Katie feels some of the most impressive changes which have taken place in her lifetime are the progression in medicine, travel from the automobile to flight, and space travel.

Hobbies and activities: Katie enjoys reading and going for rides with her son Rick.

Secret to longevity: "I am not old, I will tell you when I get there. Eat lots of chocolate!"

Best advice: "Keep your family close, and never leave someone you love without telling them so. You never know when it might be the last time to tell them so."

Descendants: Four children, nine grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren.



Katie and Sam

Anna Viola Mitchell Bleazard

Anna Viola Mitchell was born in 1910 in Peoa, Utah, the third of seven children born to Ernest Jerome and Amelia Roselund Roos Mitchell. She also had one half-brother and three half-sisters. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: When Anna was in grade school her family lived in a two-room house in Peoa. At age six, Anna contracted diphtheria. Anna survived against the odds but the diphtheria left her with a bad heart. When she was young, her sister, Edna, taught her to crochet to keep her entertained. Anna's mother taught them housekeeping as well as outside chores. Anna and her siblings also herded sheep and cows on foot.



When she was eight years old, Anna's family moved to Mountain Home in the Uintah Basin. On finishing grade school, Anna attended ninth and tenth grades at Altamont high school. Later, Anna moved to Park City, Utah, where she lived with her aunt and uncle, and graduated from high school. The summer after graduating Anna and her sister, Belle, moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they worked for a dental supply company.

In January of 1930, Anna entered Nurses Training School at the Holy Cross Hospital, graduating in 1933. After working a short time, she met and fell in love with Jack Bleazard, who soon asked for her hand in marriage. The couple planned to marry on Anna's twenty-fourth birthday, but that day an earthquake forced the closure of the Salt Lake City Courthouse. Anna and Jack returned the next day and became husband and wife.



Anna and Jack

In 1938, Anna and Jack purchased a homestead four and a half miles west of the town of Mountain Home, Utah. The ground was nothing but sagebrush and weeds so tall it looked like a forest. They had a Model-A car held together with bailing wire. Its brakes were so bad the family never traveled very fast and many times they stopped the car by running into something.

Anna's father gave the young couple a Jersey cow. They sold the cream from the rich milk the cow produced. This brought an income of \$1.50 a week, which Anna says provided their family with the necessities.

Anna and Jack were blessed with four children while living on the homestead. In 1957, they bought a farm in Bridgeland, Utah, on the Duchesne River. It was very run down and took the next forty-five years to build it into a beautiful, productive ranch.

"I'm very proud of my family. As of today my posterity numbers 200."

Martha Abbühl Borter

Martha Abbühl was born in 1911 in Interlaken, Switzerland. She is one of twelve children born to Fredrick Abbühl and Elizabet Schlunegger. She has outlived all her siblings.

Education: Martha went to school for nine years in Switzerland. She was out of school by the time she was sixteen years old.

Outstanding memories: Martha's father died when she was eleven years old. Her mother later died when she was twenty-three. Martha met her husband Emil and married him in 1939. In 1948, she came to America for the church. Martha has lived in the same home for sixty-two years. She cleaned houses until 1970; the most she ever earned was \$1.50 for an hour of work. Emil worked for the Granite School District on the grounds and gardens. The last car Martha had, she owned for thirty-four years and never had an accident. She finally gave up driving at age ninety-eight!



Favorite accomplishments: "Still living on my own, doing all my own cooking and cleaning!" Martha has made many afghans and gave them away. She also loves that all the neighborhood children call her grandma!



June 2006

Impressive changes: Progression in technology. In Switzerland, you would never have a car or a house. When she was little they had no water in their house, no lights, and kerosene lamps. To heat the house they used a wooden stove. They had no phone and would have to go to the post office to make a phone call.

Hobbies and activities: Martha enjoys gardening and making quilts. She made quilts until her eye sight was too poor to continue. She also made many slippers for all who were going on a mission.

Secret to longevity: "Eat simple food, and work hard in a garden!" Martha still takes care of her garden of fruits and vegetables, and gives tomatoes from her garden to all her neighbors.

Best advice: "Be cheerful and keep busy!"

Descendants: Two children.



Martha and Emil

Florence Sims Brinton

Florence Sims was born in 1910 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the only child of Thomas W. and Mary Jane Jones Sims.

Education: Florence went to school at Jackson Elementary and LDS high school in Salt Lake City. She attended the University of Utah and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in music.

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: Florence's autobiography, written in 1977, exudes joy and gratitude for her life. She has always been a happy, positive person, and loves people, especially her family. She has sought excellence and learning throughout her active years. Three areas of importance in her life are family, church, and music.



Age three

Florence was a beloved child of older parents. Remembering her childhood growing up in Salt Lake, she tells about roller skating over the viaduct to meet her dad who worked at the Union Pacific train depot. The Utah State Fairgrounds were close by and during the annual State Fair, she would take a bucket to the cowsheds and buy fresh milk from the farmers exhibiting their dairy cows. She remembers riding the train to Saltair and meeting at the Assembly Hall on Temple Square for Stake Conference.

Florence learned to play the piano at a young age and played very well. Her parents gave her a grand piano to further cultivate her talent. She began teaching piano lessons when she was a teenager and continued until she was eighty years old. Florence calculates that she's given roughly 40,000 lessons throughout her life.

Excelling in school, she graduated from the University of Utah at the age of twenty. With her music degree, Florence taught in Salt Lake City public schools for three years. She later joined the faculty at the University of Utah, where she taught for thirteen years. She performed in quartettes, played the organ for silent films, served as a church organist for many years, and accompanied soloists and musical groups through her life.

Florence served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Eastern States LDS mission in 1933. During her mission, she met her future husband, David B. Brinton, who was also a missionary. They were later married in 1937.

They raised a good family of four children who are precious to Florence.



Motorcycling at age ninety-eight

Florence raised her family in Salt Lake City and Holladay. At age ninety, she moved into the home of her daughter in Logan and later lived with her son in Draper. Florence's life was rounded out by traveling to many foreign countries. In 1931, between the two world wars, Florence traveled throughout Europe with a group of young people. In later years, she visited Russia, China, the Middle East, and Mediterranean countries.



Age twenty-three

Florence is a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has enjoyed serving in various capacities in the church. As a student of the scriptures, Florence has enrolled in many scripture study classes and study groups.

In 1979, Florence and her husband served a mission in Washington, DC, by serving within the LDS temple.

At the age of seventy, Florence began learning how to paint with oil. Over the years she has made paintings for everyone in her large family. Florence has led a rich, full life with good health, and a loving heart.

Best advice: "Strive to do your very best."

Descendants: Four children, twenty-nine grandchildren, and seventy-four great-grandchildren.



Age fifty-five



In her later years

Gaitha Woolsey Butterfield

Gaitha Woolsey was born in 1912 in Escalante, Utah, the fourth of nine children born to Joseph Riley and Wilhelmina Lay Woolsey. She and her sister have outlived all of their siblings.

Education: Gaitha began school in Escalante until third grade, and then attended school in Riverdale. When she was sixteen years old, she quit school and got a job to help support her family.

Outstanding memories: Gaitha remembers the 1918 flu pandemic, when “the flu was killing people everywhere.” She recalls having to wear a mask if they left the house to go to the store. Gaitha recalls another time when her mother and father went to town and left some of the kids on the farm. A really bad storm hit and a flash flood started coming down the wash. “If you didn’t make it across ahead of the flood it would be days before you could go across,” she explains, “We all watched as Dad raced his horse to get ahead of the flood. He just barely made it across ahead of the flood. He was some cowboy! He knew we would all be afraid if he didn’t make it and we were left alone.”



In the early 1920s Gaitha’s mother, father, baby sister Naomi, and Leora went to Ogden, Utah for a much needed appendicitis operation for Leora. They fell in love with northern Utah and the city of Riverdale. By the time they came home they had decided to sell everything they owned in Escalante. Her parents piled the few belongings they had left along with their seven children into a big horse-drawn wagon and headed across the mountain to Marysville to the nearest railroad. “We had never been out of Escalante or seen a train,” Gaitha recalls, “What a thrill it was!” Her parents bought a nice brick home closer to the railroad, where Gaitha’s father worked. A few years later, Gaitha’s mother, expecting her ninth baby, had been working all day cooking, and getting ready for Christmas. She suddenly became ill and told Gaitha to call the doctor, and the midwife. Gaitha’s mother was ready to have the baby.

Unfortunately, she hemorrhaged and bled to death. She and the baby, Dorothy, died in December 1925, leaving Gaitha and her siblings without a mother and their father completely broken-hearted. Gaitha was only thirteen years old. Because one of her older sisters was married and the other had a job, Gaitha became like a mother to her younger brothers and sister. The youngest was only two years old at the time. In 1929, Gaitha met Henry Drew Butterfield. The two quickly fell in love and were married the next year in Farmington, Utah. Their first son was born in 1933. Their second son was born in 1936.



As a young adult



Age sixteen

While Hank served overseas during WWII, Gaitha’s older brother, Cecil, became very ill and wasn’t expected to live. Worried about his three young sons, he asked Gaitha and their sister, Oma, if they would take care of and raise his boys. Gaitha welcomed his sons age seven, and age five, into her home. His third son went to live with Oma. When the War ended, Hank came home to a growing family. Gaitha and Hank’s third son was born in December 1954. Many years later after forty-eight years of marriage, Hank died in 1978.



Hank and Gaitha 1950

As Gaitha grew older she decided to leave her waitress job of forty-seven years. At age seventy-two she decided to start a daycare in her home. Gaitha tended children for twelve years until her three sons decided that at age eighty-four Gaitha deserved some rest. Gaitha reflects, “Tending children is quite a job, but I loved it.”

In January 1997, Gaitha’s son and his wife, built a new home in Pleasant View, Utah with an apartment in the basement just for Gaitha. After living on her own for almost twenty years, Gaitha was happy to be near family again.

As Gaitha’s sister, Leah, began to have health problems, Gaitha would drive to visit her every day. Gaitha would fix Leah lunch and dinner, clean, and keep her company. When Leah passed away in 1997, Gaitha felt once again without a job. She found a job with Deseret Industries sorting and hanging clothes in their appropriate area. After working at the D.I. for seven years, she wanted a place of work which really needed her. At ninety-two years old, she found The Foster Grandparent Program. She would work five hours a day, four days a week at Green Acres Elementary School in North Ogden, tutoring children in the first, second, and third grade who might need a little help with their reading or writing. At 101 years old, Gaitha still works with the Foster Grandparent Program but after a bad fall which broke her pelvis in two places and fractured her upper left arm, she now only works two days a week.



Favorite accomplishments: Gaitha has received several awards for her contribution to the Foster Grandparent Program. One was the Governor’s Silver Bowl award.

Impressive changes: “I have seen a lot in 100 years,” Gaitha explains, “It seems nothing stays the same, even the good things.”

Hobbies and activities: Working with children.

Secret to longevity: “Stay active, even when you don’t feel like it, and keep a good attitude.”

Best advice: “Learn from our past.”

Descendants: Three children, fourteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and eighteen great-great-grandchildren.

Louise Sims Calder

Louise Sims was born in 1909 in Garden City, Utah, the fourth of eleven children born to James and Rosina Albertina (Rose) Tueller Sims. She and two brothers have outlived their siblings, including one brother who passed away in infancy.

Education: Louise graduated from high school, but three weeks before graduation the school building caught fire and all the school records were destroyed. Louise and her classmates never received their diplomas.

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: Louise was raised on a ranch at Swan Creek, Utah. Her large family lived in a four-room house. In the main room, the family cooked, ate, washed, and played games. Louise said, "I don't know how we all got in there, but we had good times. We were a happy bunch. We played together and loved each other." Her mother was always at home and prepared three hot meals every day. The children slept two in a bed on ticks stuffed with straw. They carried water from a pump, heated it, and used it for everything they could, then dumped it into a ditch outside. Almost all of their food was raised on the farm, including produce, honey, beef, pork, and poultry.



Louise's father and uncle fished commercially. Louise and her siblings made nets and helped clean the fish. They covered the fish with coarse salt and packed it into large wooden barrels to be hauled by wagon to Logan, Utah to be sold. The children also helped take care of the turkeys their mother raised. They helped her grow, can, and sell raspberries, which brought in money to buy school clothes.

The older girls helped with housekeeping and laundry. They would stir the clothes in boiling water, rinse them, run them through the wringer, and hang them out to dry. In the winter, the clothes would freeze on the lines. It took a whole day to do the laundry.



Louise and Milton 1925

In the summer, the children enjoyed a variety of summer activities. In winter, they snow skied on skis their father made out of barrel hoops, went ice skating, sleigh riding, and coasting. When snow covered all the fences, they could coast down a long hill and out onto Bear Lake, a distance of two or three miles.

As a teenager, Louise began dating a young man named Milton Calder. For many of their dates, they rode horse-back to Garden City to see a movie or they would drive in Milt's father's truck to dances. They were married one week before Louise turned eighteen. For several summers, Milt and Louise worked on Smith's ranch, fifteen miles south of Sagecreek. Louise cooked for the workers and drifters.



Louise at age 100

When the Great Depression hit, Milt traveled to find seasonal work such as haying, shearing sheep, and harvesting potatoes and sugar beets. Louise exchanged their cow's milk for cheese and butter. Their only child was born in their home in 1934. Soon after, Milt was hired by Greyhound Bus Lines,

so the family moved to Salt Lake City. Later they bought a home for \$6,000.

Louise stayed in that home until 2007 when she sold it and moved into the Wellington Senior Residence. At age 103, Louise is the oldest resident there. She walks each day and exercises twice a week in the exercise room.

When her daughter was nine years old, Louise started working for Auerbach's, where she remained for twenty-five years. She quit her job when Milt retired and they took up golf. They spent two or three months in California every winter and golfed with friends who lived there. They also enjoyed traveling, taking exciting trips to places like Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the Italian Alps. After Milt passed away in 1990, Louise returned to Alaska twice, cruised the Mexican Riviera, and toured Branson, Missouri with friends.

Louise and Milt



1930



1936



1963



1985

Impressive changes: Louise is impressed by the invention of indoor plumbing and the changes in modes of transportation, going from horse and buggy to the automobile to airplanes to space travel. Louise is also impressed by the change brought about by computers. Louise says, "I think I have seen more changes in my lifetime than the world will ever see again in another 100-year period."

Hobbies and activities: Louise loved handiwork including embroidery, crocheting, latch hook, needlepoint, upholstery, and sewing. She enjoyed belonging to a card club and playing card games. Now Louise likes car rides, the "lunch bunch" shopping, bingo, and the activities available at her assisted living center. She attends exercise class twice a week and likes going to the symphony, plays, and movies. She especially enjoys her family members and participating in family activities.



Louise and Milt on their fiftieth wedding anniversary

Secret to longevity: Louise credits her long life to "A lot of hard work and exercise, and clean living." She advises others to "Be optimistic and cheerful, even though bad times come, don't despair, but work through them."

Best advice: "Do the best you can at whatever you decide to do. Stay out of debt and don't worry about keeping up with others. Attend the church services of your choice. Learn to be happy and content with what you have."

Adele Bonza Carlow

Adele Bonza was born in 1912 in Turbigo, Italy, the first of three children born to Fred Louis and Ambrosina Colombo Bonza. She has outlived both of her siblings.

Education: Adele attended Woodside school, Sunnyside junior high, and Carbon high school. She graduated in 1929.



**The Bonza Family 1924
(L to R): Adele, Fred,
Ambrosina, Josephine, Louis**

Outstanding memories: Adele was one year old when her mother brought her from Italy to America. After arriving at Ellis Island, the Bonzas and the Ruggieris, their friends from Italy who came with them, traveled by train to Kenilworth, Utah, to join their husbands who were mining coal.



Rejecting a coal mining career, Adele's father bought a farm in Woodside, Utah by the Price River where Adele spent her early childhood. Her brother, Louis, and her sister, Josephine, were born there. They attended a one room school nearby. There is a geyser at Woodside and on the way to school the kids threw cans in it and watched as they shot skyward.

Ten years later, the Bonza family moved to Sunnyside, Utah to sell farm produce to the booming mining town. Adele continued her education, riding a bus to school and assisting her brother and sister. Adele remembers running races and winning. Dances were community entertainment. Her dad played trumpet in the local band. In 1927, Adele moved to Price, Utah to attend high school. She lived with the Ruggieri family while she attended Carbon high

school and graduated in 1929. Adele had learned the grocery business while helping her mother and father run their grocery store from the basement of their home.



In 1939, Adele married Don William Carlow at the Notre Dame Catholic Church in Price, Utah. She and Don raised Don's children, Don Farrell, Sterling Kay, and Gwen, whose mother had died. It was a great surprise when Adele gave birth to twins one year later. Their sixth child, arrived in 1944. In 1950, the Carlow family moved into their home in Price where Adele still lives. Don and Adele volunteered often at the Notre Dame School Carnival fundraisers. Adele served as business manager for the school carnival for twenty-five years. She held leadership positions in the Business and Professional Women's Club and the New Century Club.



**Adele and Don's wedding
day 1939**

Adele worked as a bookkeeper and receptionist for ZCMI, Scowcroft Wholesale, Discount Warehouse, D&G Grocery, and Eastern Utah Produce. She was named the Business and Professional Woman of the Year in 1992 in recognition of her

outstanding professional contribution to the Price community. Adele retired after over sixty years of professional service. During their retirement, Adele and Don traveled to Europe, where Adele returned to her roots in Turbigo,

Italy and visited her many relatives. They also visited Canada and the United States including Alaska, and Hawaii. Adele became Don's caregiver and helped him greet the new century he so much wanted to see. He passed away in 2000.

Favorite accomplishments: Adele is proud of her work as a bookkeeper, sales person, receptionist, and office manager. Her family is most important to her. She was married to her husband, Don, for more than sixty-one years. Their children are all successful, well educated, and well respected. She treasures her friends, family and her independence. She loves to attend the graduations, marriages, and births of her children and grandchildren. She works hard to be independent by problem solving and meeting life's challenges with God's help. She follows her own advice – "Keep going!"

Impressive changes: Adele uses the microwave to warm her food. She enjoys air conditioning and central heating. She has flown across the ocean to Italy and Hawaii. She knows the computer has replaced adding machines and manual bookkeeping ledgers. She has a cell phone. She drove a car until a few years ago. She regrets the loss of the small neighborhood grocery store, with its homegrown produce and genuine concern for the happiness of its customers.

Hobbies and activities: Adele loves to play bridge and make friends laugh. She enjoys attending church, eating out, and watching game shows and the Lawrence Welk Show. Adele is more than willing to help solve any health issue with family or friends, using her wealth of knowledge of natural remedies.

Secret to longevity: Adele loves to laugh and joke with friends and family. She does not give in or give up. She will find a way to make a hard life work out the best way possible.

Best advice: "Keep going! Laugh a lot."

Descendants: Six children, twenty grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.



**Adele at her ninetieth birthday
celebration in 2002**

Chester Hyrum Christensen

Chester Hyrum Christensen was born in 1913 in Bear River City, Utah, at his parents house with the assistance of a midwife, on his mother's birthday. He was the first born child of Hyrum Erastus Christensen, and Inger Sorenson Christensen. He and his sister have outlived their siblings.

Education: Bear River elementary school, Bear River high school, and Utah State University, graduate Master Gardner.

Outstanding memories: Chester's mother died when he was nine years old, so he learned the farm life at an early age. Later on, Chester married Bessie Eva Hamilton in November 1938. They had three boys and two girls. He worked in Shasta Dam. He served on the town board and served in the National Guard. He worked in Brigham City Tabernacle and served in Ogden Temple mission. Chester and Bessie served a mission for the LDS church in Columbus, Ohio and in West Virginia.

Chester received his Master Gardner degree when he was eighty-five. He has served as Grand Marshall of Bear River Town Celebration. He is the oldest resident of Bear River City, the biggest Jazz fan in Utah, and would love to meet the players one day.

Favorite accomplishments: Having a good family, farming, being a mechanic, a machine operator, helping to build the Shasta Dam, Highway 30 builder, sold farm to Procter & Gamble to benefit State and County and opened job opportunities to a lot of people.

Impressive changes: Telephone, television, industry, self-propelled farm equipment, automobiles, airplanes, indoor bathroom, indoor water, refrigerators, washing machines, appliances of modern day, microwaves, computers, fax machines, cell phones, electric razors, space exploration, advanced electricity, heat in house and wages.

Hobbies and activities: Chester loves to watch sports; especially the Utah Jazz. He enjoys gardening, yard work, and going to the ranch to ride four wheelers. He used to collect soap bars, spoons, and book matches when traveling with Bessie.

Secret to longevity: "Wake up every morning, live a clean life, eat healthy, keep active, and read a lot to keep mind alert."

Best advice: "Keep active, you are never too old, just more experienced."

Descendants: Five children, eighteen grandchildren, forty-one great grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Ethel Morris Christensen

Ethel Norma Morris was born in 1910 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the first of two children born to George Washington Morris and Harriett McCora Barrett Morris. She has outlived her brother.

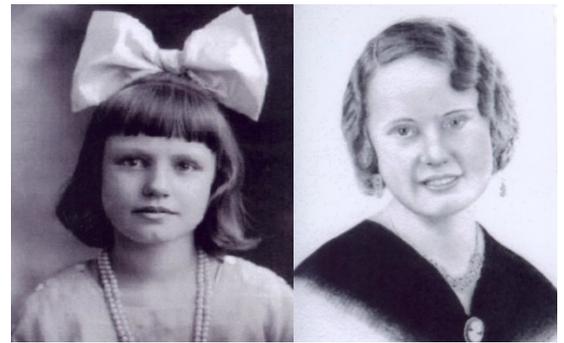
Education: Central Public School in Helper, Utah, Jackson junior high in Salt Lake, and West high school in Salt Lake City.

Outstanding memories: When Ethel was seven years old, a flash flood rushed down the ditch next to their home in Helper. It rolled big boulders into the yard and water flooded the house, making it too dangerous to remain in the home. She sat on her uncle's shoulders and her mother carried her baby brother. They had to hold onto the fence to get to higher ground and safety. When she was ten years old, her parents bought a grocery store in Salt Lake City. She says, "I grew up, so to speak, behind the grocery counter, waiting on customers." Ethel worked before school in the morning and after school in the afternoon, Saturdays, Sundays, and all summer. Ethel recalls learning many things from her father by working in the store – honesty, fair dealing, tolerance, good manners, courtesy, quick service, accuracy



Ethel and her brother

in bookkeeping, and talking to people. These qualities have served her well throughout her life. Her parents died within four months of each other when she was age twenty-one, and she and her younger brother continued to run the store for a couple of years. Her father had taught her to whistle tunes and friends would often ask her to whistle at gatherings. Ethel was married to Wallace Devey for ten years. Two years after their divorce, she married Lloyd "Chris" Christensen. They were together forty-one years until his death in 1988. They loved to travel and visited at least thirty states on various tours. Their children, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren have a special place in their hearts for "Grandma Ethel."



Age ten

Young adult

Favorite accomplishments: Ethel learned to paint on china dishes in high school and received awards for her work. She played the piano and organ, created table decorations for one year for the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, tatted lace, knitted scarves, crocheted thirty afghans, cro-knitted many baby blankets, was a bookkeeper, and worked in sales several times.

Impressive changes: As a young lady, Ethel loved the phonograph because it brought music into her home. Most noticeable changes include automobiles, the way food is packaged, and the style of women's clothing. She misses home delivery, wagons selling treats on the streets (candy and cakes), and small neighborhood stores.

Hobbies and activities: Ethel enjoys knitting baby blankets and lap quilts.

Secret to longevity: Ethel always ate healthy foods such as fruits and vegetables and drank a lot of milk.

Descendants: Three children, seven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Merle Stander Christensen

Merle Stander was born in 1913 in Brigham City, Utah, the first of three children born to Nels Stander and Frances Atkinson Stander. She has outlived her brother.

No one in the family and not a soul in any related families here have ever reached 100 years of age. Martha began her life in the small agricultural community of Brigham City. She learned very early she was expected to work on her parent's farm as well as at home with her parents and sisters. She did not exactly enjoy the heavy farm work, but was a faithful worker. The family was self-sufficient, frugal, and very adept at making do with what they had. During her lifetime she has lived through six wars, and eighteen U.S. presidencies, plus many personal vicissitudes and trials. In 1918, Merle was stricken with the Spanish Flu and was very ill for weeks, but recovered.



Merle attended school in Brigham City, but was stricken with the dreaded disease polio. She lost the use of one leg for some time, but was able to get better with constant exercise. She attended grade and high school in Brigham City and was a faithful member of her church, where she served for decades as a pianist for primary and for other church services. She was thrilled to play during a conference with President Heber J. Grant seated near her. She had many church callings and served with distinction. She was also an active member of the DUP for thirty-four years, the civic improvement club for thirty-eight years, and the Samada Club.

At a high school basketball game, she met her husband to be, Devere Christensen, a handsome young man. They dated and fell in love. They were married in 1931 in Wyoming at the county courthouse. They moved to Vernal where they lived with relatives for some time and then welcomed their first daughter to their family. They moved back to Brigham City and lived for a time with aunts, Mebal and Ruby, in a red brick home behind the family orchard. They lived in two small rooms when along came a big surprise, Merle gave birth triplets and suddenly they had four small girls and themselves squeezed into two small rooms. The aunts stepped up and soon the children shared sleeping arrangements in their adoring aunt's rooms. Ten years after the triplets, the last daughter to arrived.

In 1940, they moved to a new home on family property, a house on 500 West. Devere began his Christensen Plumbing and Heating business and used part of the basement and the sheds in the back for his business. Merle was a full partner in the business, took orders, and did all the company's bookkeeping work. The business was a success and hundreds of people enjoyed the excellent plumbing work Devere did over the years.

Hobbies and activities: Merle was a faithful housewife, a great cook, and quilt maker. She made more than forty quilts, and a lot went to family members. She also canned foods and kept a nice vegetable garden. She enjoys books on tape. Merle and her husband traveled many places such as Mexico, New York, Los Angeles, and Brazil to visit family.

Impressive changes: Man on the Moon, air planes, and transportation.

Secret to longevity: "Good genes and I didn't give up!"

Best advice: "Live the word of wisdom and don't give up."

Descendants: Five children, ninety grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren, and thirteen great-great-grandchildren.

Eleanor Piacitelli Dalpiaz

Eleanor “Nora” Piacitelli was born in 1911 in Majestic, Colorado, the third of eight children born to John and Helen Williams Piacitelli. She, one brother, and one sister are still living.

Outstanding memories: Nora’s early childhood was spent in Colorado. Her father worked in the machine shop for a coal mine and the family lived nearby in one of the camp houses. Nora recalls how hard her mother worked to keep their family’s living quarters up to her standards, often working well into the night cleaning. The idea of cleaning after midnight must have appealed to Nora who, like her mother, is known for staying up into the wee hours of the morning to finish cleaning projects or laundry or to get a batch of nut rolls out of the oven.

When Nora was four or five years old, the family moved to Sunnyside, a mining camp in Carbon County. With five children in the family, the train trip stands out in her memory to this day as quite an adventure. She recalls those days in Sunnyside, “Our big entertainment was the newspaper especially the big Sunday paper.” Nora survived the 1918 influenza epidemic in Sunnyside. “Every day a funeral procession would pass by our house going from the church to the cemetery,” Nora remembers. “The mourners walked and the casket was carried on a horse drawn cart. Everyone in our house was sick with the flu except my older sister, Millie, and me. We were the nurses for the family. It felt pretty scary.”

When the United Mine Workers went on strike in 1919, Nora’s father had to find a new job. The family moved to Price where he found work in a garage as a machinist. Nora finished her school years there.

Nora met her future husband, Frank, at a church carnival. A year later they became engaged and were married in 1938 at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Price. They made their home in Helper and raised their family, Nora working as a nurse and Frank working for the United States Postal Service. During World War II, Frank served in the US Navy in the Philippine Islands. Nora and Frank were active in the Helper community and in St. Anthony’s Catholic Parish. Nora joined the parish choir soon after she was married and was still an active choir member when she moved from Helper at age ninety-five.

Nora says Frank was the “ideal husband, so kind and patient” and that they were “very compatible.” They had been married fifty-eight years when Frank passed away in 1996 with Nora at his side. Nora continued to live in their home in Helper, concentrating her energy on keeping up a spectacular yard and beautiful home, and singing in the choir. In 2008, Nora moved from Helper to Tooele to live with her granddaughter’s family in an apartment they had built especially for her in their new home. It was difficult to leave behind the people and places which had been part of her life for most of her 100 years, but Nora was grateful to be closer to family. She feels blessed to have her own space with her granddaughter’s family, with room for company and all her own favorite treasures, complete with a walk-out patio and garden. She enjoys daily visits from her great-grandchildren, which keeps her feeling young at heart.



Piacitelli Family 1921
Nora is fourth from the left

Favorite accomplishments: Nora said, “Being in a loving marriage, having good and hard-working children, and caring family and friends are what I count as my most cherished accomplishments.” She believes next to being a wife and a parent, nursing was the most important thing in her life.

Nora fondly recalls being among those chosen as the best spellers in her elementary school class and traveling to participate in a spelling bee. In high school, she sang the part of Queen Isabella, the lead, in her high school operetta, “Captain Crossbones.” Nora wanted to audition for the part but only those in the music class were expected to have the talent to perform. Nora hadn’t been in the music class the first part of the year. She joined the class mid-year in order to try out and she got the part! The operetta traveled to all the camps and schools in the area to perform. “It was a very big affair for me!” Nora remembers.

After graduating from Carbon high school in 1930, Nora worked in the court house doing odd jobs for the County Clerk. She then worked as a restaurant waitress and enjoyed meeting people and serving them. In 1933, Nora decided to pursue her dream and went into training at Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated in 1937 as a Registered Nurse and began a long and successful nursing career included positions at Holy Cross and Carbon Hospitals. Many families grew up knowing her as the nurse in Dr. Demman’s office and preferred her painless shots over the doctor’s accurate but “dart like” injections. She later served as Director of Nursing at Carbon Hospital and then as Nursing Administrator at Carbon Nursing Home where she completed her “official” career as a nurse, retiring in 1979.

Hobbies and activities: Nora enjoys reading the newspaper every day and especially loves working on the daily puzzles. She attends church almost every Sunday and cherishes frequent visits with her family.

At 102, Nora continues to enjoy the spring and summer months. She loves to garden and believes cold weather is never good. Nora enjoys pampering her plants and flowers, especially her roses, her favorite flower. She also nurtures her rhubarb plant (brought from her garden in Helper) so that she can enjoy her other favorite hobby baking! She is famous among family and friends for her rhubarb custard pie, cinnamon nut rolls, red velvet cake, honey dew cookies, Hungarian cookies, banana cake, and many other delicious treats. As an avid baker and an excellent cook, she enjoys teaching her family how to prepare her traditional family recipes.

Descendants: Two children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Age twenty-three



Age twenty-seven



Wedding day 1938



Fiftieth anniversary

Arlene Daniels

Arlene Miles was born in 1913 in Tabiona, Utah, the third of seven children born to James Guy Miles and Susie Milliner Miles. She and one sister have outlived their siblings.

Outstanding memories: As a small child growing up in Tabiona, Arlene remembers watching the cattle so they would not get into the alfalfa. She would catch butterflies, baptize them in the ditch, and lay them out to dry. She remembers her mother and father having a shuttle and making lace for their bloomers which came to their knees.

When it was time for her brother, Roy, to go to school, her father bought a fruit orchard in Provo. Her mother never liked Provo, it was too big and she had loved Tabiona; so three years later, Arlene's father built a house in Peoa. A few years after that, they moved to Kamas where Arlene grew up with her parents until their death.

Arlene attended South Summit elementary and high school. The year she was a senior, 1931, they had a new music teacher come Kamas. He was from Payson and was a very talented pianist. He was a band leader and Arlene played the saxophone. His name was Walter Daniels. She married Walter in 1933, in Evanston, Wyoming. Their first two children were born in Kamas. Their daughter regularly had horrible ear infections and they were told to get her to a warmer climate for her health. Arlene and Walter moved to Mesa, Arizona in 1947. Walter taught school and they spent their summers in Kamas. In Mesa, they had two more daughters.



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Walter loved to travel, therefore the couple would travel as much as they could. One of their daughters, Dixie, went to work as a flight attendant for TWA Airlines and later for American Airlines. Through her work, Arlene and Walter were able to travel all over the world. The couple took their two youngest daughters and two grandchildren on a "World Campus Afloat" cruise which lasted three months. Their travel was the highlight of their lives. They met people from several countries who became fast friends. Walter earned a Master's degree from University of Mexico City; this allowed the family to spend their summer traveling all over Mexico. It was a grand experience.

While in Mesa, Arlene worked as a nurse assistant at the Mesa Southside Hospital. She enjoyed the work very much and was there for several years. She also worked as a sales clerk at Diamond's, an exclusive store in the area.

Walter died in 1987, Arlene continued to travel to the Phoenix area for a few years, but have since spent her time in Kamas and in Deweyville with her daughters. Her son lives in Florida and she visits him on occasion. She has been lucky to have a close family, therefore she always has someone close to her. She still travels a lot, even now. She is blessed to have her memories and her family. She did not think she would ever live to be 100 but she is grateful for reasonably good health and she is still able to get around well. She says "What an amazing experience my life has been!"

Impressive changes: Automobiles, planes, space travel, computers, television, etc. Finally the end to

discrimination and racial bigotry. She is proud to be alive to see the election of the first African-American President and all the remarkable things in our modern world!

Hobbies and activities: Read, be outdoors, watch the Utah Jazz and NBA games, travel with family.

Secret to longevity: “You are as happy as you make your mind to be, always eat in moderation, and stay as fit as possible, enjoy a glass of wine or a small cocktail, and don’t give up dessert!”

Best advice: “Stay happy; eat well, travel as much as possible. Stay in touch with world events, don’t have a negative attitude.”

Descendants: Four children, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



Arlene and her four children

Mildred Olsen Del'Andrae

Mildred Olsen was born in 1911 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the first of four children born to Oscar and Bertha Jane Bowerbank Olsen. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Mildred was born of full English descent. Due to her mother's illness, she was raised by her aunt. The family lived near the train tracks by West high school in the heart of Salt Lake City. Mildred learned later in life that she had grown up in a poverty-stricken family. However, she was completely unaware of her family's poverty during her early childhood. Mildred graduated from West high school.

During cold winter nights, her family would burn a fire in their old pot belly stove. Mildred and her siblings each would place a brick near the fire until it was red hot. They would then put their brick at the foot of their bed under their bedding to keep them toasty warm.



**Mildred and Louis
Great Salt Lake 1934**

Mildred's family would all sit together around the radio and listen to popular plays and programs for evening entertainment.

As a child, Mildred remembers having fun and doing a lot of hiking in the mountains near Alta, Utah. She and her family would stay in the mountains when her uncle was working in the mines.

In her youth, Mildred remembers taking the street car to town with her grandmother. Mildred would go her own way while her grandmother shopped. When her grandmother came to meet Mildred at Kress Five-and-Dime store, she was surprised to find Mildred behind the counter

working her first job! Her grandmother couldn't believe it! She came to the counter and Mildred waited on her! Mildred had desperately wanted a job and was persistent in seeking one. "I actually fibbed a little about my age to obtain my initial employment," she admits. Although she can't recall her weekly wages, she remembers that at the time, she just felt lucky to have a job.

Her next job was as a time keeper and statistical clerk in the Postal Telegraph Office of Salt Lake City. She recorded all the reports and also performed teletype when needed. She considers herself lucky to have been employed, when most men could not get jobs during the Great Depression.

Mildred also enjoyed going dancing at a variety of venues including "Saltair" on the beach of the Great Salt Lake and "The Old Mill" located in what is currently known as Cottonwood Heights, Utah. "My weakness was pretty, high-heeled shoes!" she confesses.

Mildred dated Louis Smith Newson for four years before she married him in 1934. They were very happy together. Louis worked as a dispatcher with Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. They built a new home in the Sugarhouse area of Salt Lake City, before welcoming three children to their family (two girls and one boy). Tragedy struck in 1949 when Louis died unexpectedly of cerebral hemorrhaging, leaving Mildred to raise their three young children alone.



Mildred as a toddler

Mildred was working at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City during WWII, when she was pleasantly surprised by a “Top Brass” special request to work as a personal executive secretary. After her first husband’s death, she ran her own daycare business in her home. Mildred appreciated being able to support her three children without having to leave them to work outside of her home.

Mildred married Roy Del’ Andrae in 1951 in Elk, Nevada. She gave birth to her youngest daughter in 1953. After giving birth, she temporarily worked at Dunford’s Bakery and in catering. Later, she was employed by the Salt Lake City Health Department in Vital Statistics, where she supervised the recording of all births and deaths within the city limits. She worked there until she retired, as required, at age sixty-five.



Age fifty

After their children were raised, Roy and Mildred moved to the Holladay area of Salt Lake City. They liked to go out to breakfast and then flip a coin to decide which direction they would travel that day, embarking on one of their many road trips. After twenty-six years of marriage, Roy passed away Christmas Eve of 1977.

After Roy’s death, Mildred continued to travel, taking numerous tours and cruises with family and many good friends. Mildred considers herself fortunate enough to have traveled to a great number of exotic and exciting places worldwide. Among the many trips, some specifically come to mind, like her first motorcycle ride at age seventy and her first camel ride in Egypt at age seventy-five.



In Cairo, Egypt 1986

Favorite accomplishments: Mildred is grateful and most proud of what she considers her greatest accomplishment her “Five-Generation Family.” Her greatest desire was, and still is, her family’s happiness.

Hobbies and activities: Mildred finds pleasure in rendering needle-point and ceramics, playing cards, entertaining, hosting parties, and setting exquisite dinner tables.

Secret to longevity: Mildred attributes her good health to her sparing use of medications, “I have never, even to this day, been one to take any medications unless absolutely necessary.”

Best advice: “Always reflect anger with kindness and hate with love.”

Mildred continues to enjoy good health and resides independently in her apartment in Sandy, Utah. On her 101 birthday, she had a fun party which was attended by more than 100 of her family members and friends.

Descendants: Four children, twenty-two grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, and twenty-four great-great-grandchildren.



Mildred and Roy 1972

Tilla Ruen Dixon

Tilla Ruen was born in 1909 two miles away from Cherry Grove, Minnesota, the fourth of eight children born to her Norwegian immigrant parents, Henry and Maria Thorson Ruen. She and three siblings are still living. She spent her childhood living on farms in the area of Sanai and Nunda, South Dakota.

Education: Tilla did not start school until she was eight years old. School was difficult for Tilla because the family spoke Norwegian in the home. She had to learn to speak English in school. Tilla attended Madison Central high school, doing dishes and housework for her room and board. She left high school before her senior year to marry Earl Marvin Dixon.

Outstanding memories: As a child, Tilla enjoyed the outdoors. She loved to climb trees and swing. She was interested in birds and could watch them for hours.

On the farm, she helped her father in the fields. She milked three cows both morning and night. When she was helping her father on the farm, he would call her “Jimmy” because she wore blue denim trousers and a man’s shirt. Tilla helped shuck grain, cultivate corn, raise chickens, churn butter, and work in the garden. She hated to do work in the house.



Ruen girls 1918
L-R: Mabel, Alma, Tilla (holding Hazel),
Luella, and Clara

Married young, at age twenty, Tilla was also widowed young. Her husband, Earl, a World War I veteran, became ill and passed away suddenly in the Veterans’ Hospital two days before Christmas in 1947. Tilla was only thirty-eight years old at the time. With eight children to care for, it was a difficult time for Tilla. Despite her struggles, Tilla managed to buy a home and raise her children on her own.

Tilla joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1956 and moved to Utah in 1957. She worked as a maid at Covey’s Motel, now named Little America.

Favorite accomplishments: Tilla’s favorite accomplishments include marrying Earl and raising their five boys and three girls.

Hobbies and activities: Tilla loved to camp and fish. She also takes joy in doing genealogy work. She has made many quilts, tatted doilies and hankies, and loves writing poetry. Now that she lives in a retirement home, she loves to play bingo, cards and do puzzles.

Impressive changes: One of the most impressive changes is the computer, which has helped Tilla tremendously with her genealogy work.

Secret to longevity: Tilla advises, “Working hard and eating all kinds of food, especially fruits and vegetables, keeps you young. I have always loved chocolate and that may be the secret of my longevity. I enjoy life and my family.”

Descendants: Eight children, twenty-nine grandchildren, sixty-two great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.



Dixon Family
Top: L-R: Myron, Eugene, Donna
Middle Ila, Early, Tilla
Front: Earl, Gloria (inset), John, Bill



Till and Earl on their wedding day, 1929

*“How great to bring the harvest in and manifest our joy;
How great to bin the grain all in, and then the tares destroy.
I want to thank my Father then, for blessings and for joys.
Thanksgiving day is here at last; all people can rejoice”
Written by Tilla R. Dixon*

Delpha I. Freeman Douglas

Delpha Irene Freeman was born in 1905 in Bogart, Missouri, one of seven children born to John and Virginia Smith Freeman. She is one of three still living.

Education: Delpha attended grade school and middle school.

Outstanding memories: Delpha's family was fun, caring and loving. Her father, who was a farmer and also worked for the railroad, traveled a lot when Delpha was young. In those days, they traveled by wagon. Her brothers were all very musical and played the banjo, guitar, violin, and fiddle. One of her brothers made violins. They all loved to dance, sing, and have fun.

When Delpha was in her teens, her family moved to Harper, Kansas where she and her sister worked in a local café. There she met the café owner's son, Charlie Douglas, whom she eventually married.



Charlie and Delpha

Delpha and Charlie moved to Larned, Kansas and raised their family of seven children. Through the Great Depression, the Dirt Bowl years, and many wars, they always managed to have a good home and food. They loved to travel and traveled through almost all of the states. It was very exciting for them to fly to Hawaii.

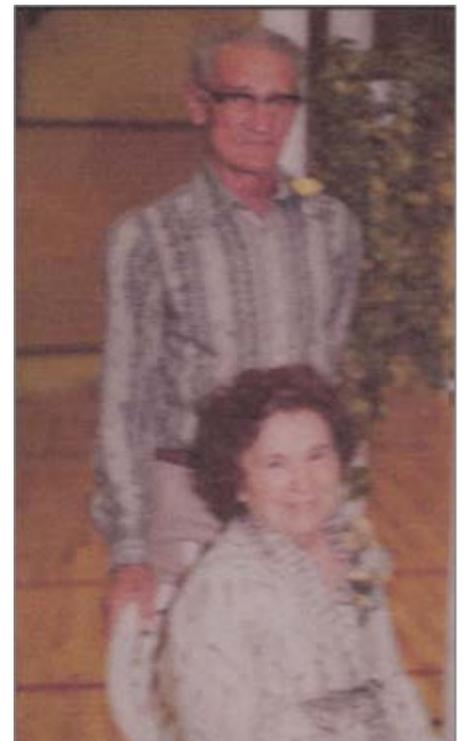
When Charlie retired, they moved to Orem, Utah to be closer to their children. After Charlie passed away in 1981, Delpha moved back to Larned, Kansas to live with her sister. After her sister passed away in 2002, Delpha returned to Orem to live with her children and their families.

Delpha and Charlie loved to dance whenever they had the chance. When Charlie passed away, they had been together more than fifty years.

Favorite accomplishments: Delpha has been a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all her married life and has held many offices and callings in the Relief Society. When she was able, she loved to visit the LDS Temple. She is proud to have made scarves and doilies for the St. Louis and Denver Temples.

Impressive changes: Delpha has lived to see many wonderful inventions – from the wagon they traveled in when she was a young girl to planes, trains, automobiles, motorcycles (which she has been on), and to see men landing on the moon.

She has had a full, wonderful, and healthy life. She was a homemaker for most of her life and she has enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She has worked as a cashier and was the secretary and bookkeeper for Charlie's plumbing business.



Charlie and Delpha in their later years

Hobbies and activities: Delpha enjoys crocheting, quilting, playing bingo, watching horse races, watching ball games, and dancing. She has made afghans for all of her family members.

Secret to longevity: Delpha credits her long life to not smoking, not drinking (not even sodas), trying to eat healthy – not much meats – lots of peanut butter, veggies, milk, water, and living a clean moral life.

Best advice: “Always try to live your life as if the Lord was your neighbor. Respect others as you would like to be respected.”

Descendants: Seven children (three living), twenty-eight grandchildren, fifty-five great-grandchildren, and twenty-one great-great-grandchildren.



Delpha (on right) and her sister Blanche

Howard Walter Driggs

Howard Walter Driggs was born in 1912 in Driggs, Idaho, one of seven children born to Parley Shadrach and Rose Kunz Driggs. He has outlived all of his siblings.

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: When Howard was a child, watching the trains come into the valley was considered a main attraction. One year his grandfather, Benjamin W. Driggs, came up from Salt Lake City for the event. Howard's father, Parley, had bought several brood sows that spring and fed them from the garbage he collected from the railroad cook shacks. He made quite a profit from his pigs.



When Howard was about one year old he had a bowel obstruction and ran a high fever for three weeks. A trained nurse stayed by his side for several days. Because they had no refrigeration, his older sister would go to their uncle Dave's meat market to get a piece of fresh veal every day. The raw veal was scraped with a sharp knife and fed to Howard to sustain his body. He was rubbed with blessed oil and fed by a spoon. Howard was given enemas to help cool his temperature and keep him hydrated. He became very frail and weak but after much prayer and the faith of his family his body recovered. The illness left him with a brain injury and eyes that frequently twitch and cross.

When Howard was ten years old, his mother enrolled him in a school for the blind at Gooding. Howard learned to read and write during his time at Gooding but he also experienced many difficulties. After two years he was sent home.



Howard was always helpful. He never spoke cross or became angry. He learned to play the harmonica and had a lovely voice. During the 1920s and early 30s, while his grandmother was living with the family, Howard became one of her helpers. Because her eye sight was failing she needed to be cared for regularly. Howard was constantly with her, never complaining or criticizing. She took daily walks and when the family moved to Fallon she continued to take walks, only she started using crutches. Usually Howard went along to see that she arrived back home safely.

Howard was a good chore boy. He went quietly about the animals and chickens, never shouting or rushing but always gently tending to their needs. In Golden Valley, Howard kept the shade trees watered and walked two miles to the mail box every day. He helped care for his mother and uncle Joe while his older brother

Ray was away on the job. Ray usually came home on the weekends to see to the family's needs and to take them shopping and sometimes to church in Kingman.

Howard was ordained an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints so he and his uncle Joe could administer priesthood blessings to Howard's mother when she was sick.

In the summer months Howard and his siblings lived with their mother, but in the winter months she left Howard with various relatives and siblings while she went to the lower valleys to find employment. One year his sister entered him in school in the town of Thomas, but the teacher felt Howard needed special training and that they were wasting both her and Howard's time by keeping him in regular school. When he was in Gooding, he had been fitted for glasses but they did not help him. When he looked up close enough to see the letters, they moved around, made him dizzy, and sick to his stomach.

In about 1940, while his family was living in Garden Valley, Howard began having fainting spells. He described his feelings as hearing rivers of water running through his ears. His mother took him to a chiropractor who diagnosed the ailment by reading the eye. He told Mrs. Driggs to help Howard make a head harness and fasten it to a pulley in the ceiling with a weight. After about three weeks, Howard could lift his feet off the floor. His mother took him back to the chiropractor who put Howard's neck back in place. He never had any more fainting spells.

The doctor gave Howard several treatments for his eyes and soon his eyes stopped twitching and became straight. Soon after Howard discovered he could now focus on letters and with his uncle Joe's help he soon learned to read and improve his mind.



Howard was interested in electricity and radio and enjoyed taking his family's electronics apart for fun. Howard also helped his older brother Ray build five homes in Arizona for family members.

Howard was a great comfort to his mother after the passing of his uncle Joe. When her eye sight failed he helped her in every way he could, especially after she was put into a nursing home.

Hobbies and activities: Howard enjoys playing bingo at the care facility where he lives.

Gretchen “Grete” Dunham

Outstanding memories: Grete came to the United States in 1925. She was later married in 1927. Once here in the United States she made Salt Lake City her home and became a lifelong resident.

Favorite accomplishments: Grete feels one of her greatest accomplishments was retiring from the Safeway Stores as Payroll Director for the Salt Lake City Division.

Hobbies and activities: One of Grete’s greatest joys is going on camping trips. Her favorite hobby was gathering gemstones. She would gather these gemstones to make beautiful jewelry. She continued to do this hobby into her nineties. Grete drove for many years but voluntarily gave up her drivers license at age ninety-seven.

Descendants: Two children, ten grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



Grete is a proud 103 years old grandparent, here she is with her newest family member

Carmela DeAcetis Durbano

Carmela DeAcetis was born in 1912 in the tiny community of Devils Slide, Utah east of Ogden in Weber Canyon. She was one of three children born to Francesco and Giovanna (Jenny) Maria Datro DeAcetis.

Outstanding memories: Carmela's parents were Italian immigrants whose marriage was prearranged by their parents, as was the custom at that time. Her mother was only fifteen years old when she married Francesco. Francesco was twenty-nine at the time – almost double her age. Their large age difference didn't make for a happy marriage. When Carmela was growing up her mother's parents lived with them in their home.

While her father was working in Ogden, Carmela's grandparents left Devils Slide in secret, taking Jenny and the children with them back to their home in Jolliet, Illinois. In the confusion, Carmela, who was three and a half years old, was inadvertently left at a neighbor's home.



Carmela and her father with Tony and Mary Costello

After discovering his family had left, Francesco took Carmela to stay with the Costello family in Ophir, Utah while he worked. Carmela's grandfather traveled back from Jolliet to retrieve her but it was too late – Francesco had already taken her to Ophir.

When Carmela was six and a half years old, her father brought her back from Ophir to live with another family. She attended the Grant School. Carmela said, "While I was at school playing with classmates a rough-looking man with a big moustache called me by name from across the street and offered me money. He said he would take me to my mother." Carmela didn't believe him. She had been told that her mother was long gone. "I didn't take the money and ran back to my playing. My father always told me to never go with strangers. So how was I to know that he was my grandfather?"

When Carmela was seventeen years old, her father bought a grocery store in Ogden and Carmela went to live with the DeCaria family in Ogden. While working in the store, she met a tall, thin young man delivering veggies and berries. "He told me the boss had ordered them," Carmela recalled, "I paid him and he left." The next time he delivered the berries, he said, "I didn't know you were Frank's daughter." His family had known her father for years. He introduced himself as Vic Durbano. They dated and were engaged by Christmas. They were married in 1932, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ogden, Utah and had a big Italian wedding.

Carmela and Vic lived in a home on the Durbano farm in Roy, Utah. In 1933, their first son was born. He was their pride and joy. In 1938, they welcomed their second son. Carmela met her mother and relatives for what felt like the first time. She hadn't seen any of them since she was three and a half years old. They all waited at the Chicago station to meet her on her way to Philadelphia – it was quite the reunion. On the return trip, she stopped in Chicago and visited her long lost family for two weeks.



Carmela as a young girl



Carmela and Victor Durbano

In July 1941, Carmela and Vic’s third son was born. “As a young married couple our life was hard, but we always had food to eat and a nice home.” Carmela’s relatives from Chicago loved coming out to the farm to visit and get away from the big city. Vic and Carmela lived in Roy for thirty-two years, happily raising their family on the farm. They were married for nearly forty years when Vic suddenly became ill, had surgery, and died suddenly of complications. During her years as a widow, she met her long-time devoted friend, Lag Briseno. Although they never married, they had many years of fun and happiness together until Lag passed away after a short illness.

Impressive changes: Carmela believes having a gas stove to cook on instead of a wood stove was a wonderful invention. She also appreciates having indoor plumbing and restrooms.

Hobbies and activities: Some of Carmela’s favorite activities and hobbies included bowling, golfing (well into her eighties), playing cards, reading, and crocheting kitchen towels and cloths for the family at Christmastime. She had monthly meetings with her “Club” friends in the summer. She loved to dabble in a small flower garden. Carmela grew some beautiful flowers. Carmela also enjoyed traveling. She loved visiting Italy with her husband, Vic, her brother, Tony, and his wife, Lyda. She also had fun traveling to Hawaii and took many local trips closer to home. Today, Carmela has just one hobby – taking care of her little Yorkie, Sophia.

After being reunited, Carmela’s mother shared her love and talent for cooking with her long lost daughter. With the skills Carmela learned from her mother along with additional tricks picked up from her mother-in-law, Carmela became an excellent cook. Carmela cooked not just for her family, but for all the hired hands who worked the farm every day. She cooked for banquets, church events, the Elks, the Foot-printer and many other civic parties. In 1995, her daughter-in-law, Linda, honored her by creating a cook book including many of her delicious recipes. Linda made enough copies for all the family to enjoy as a keepsake.

Descendants: Three sons, sixteen grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, and twenty-three great-great-grandchildren (one deceased).



Carmela and Victor on their wedding day



Carmela and her Mother 1938



Carmela with her sons, Ernest, Victor, Anthony, and David



Carmela with her brothers, Ralph and Tony

Frank Enlow

Frank Enlow was born in 1911 in Alva, Oklahoma. He grew up with seven siblings.

Education: Frank attended law school at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: Frank served two missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The first mission, he was called to serve in Santa Barbara, California. When he went on his second mission, he was called to serve in Billings, Montana.

He was part of the motorcycle group called “The Temple Riders”. He would take many motorcycle trips to different LDS temples throughout the country with his friends. They would teach the gospel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to those they met on their motorcycle adventures.

He and his wife owned an airplane and enjoyed flying all around the United States, Canada, and even Mexico!

Hobbies and activities: Frank has a love for writing poetry and considers this one of his greatest hobbies. Frank’s favorite activity would be riding his motorcycle, either with “The Temple Riders” or just to go for a cruise.

Secret to longevity: Frank attributes his longevity to good nutrition, regular church attendance and plenty of time with good friends.

Descendants: Three children (two living).



Velda Mae Oldroyd Jackson Evans

Velda Mae Oldroyd was born in 1912 in Fountain Green, Utah. Velda is the first of six children born to C. Leonard and Minnie Morley Oldroyd. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: Velda attended both Fountain Green grade school and junior high school. She attended Moroni high school where she received her diploma in 1930.

Outstanding memories: Velda was born and raised by wonderful, hard-working parents in Fountain Green, Utah. She is happy to have been able to raise her own family there as well. Velda has also lived in California, but loves her Utah home. She has lived in Lehi, Utah happily for forty-six years.

Favorite accomplishments: Velda feels some of her favorite accomplishments are sewing and crocheting, but her greatest accomplishment is “Raising my family and my work with the young women of my church.”



Impressive changes: Velda is impressed by telephones and what they now can do! She is also amazed by all the new gadgets making life easier such as: washers and dryers, TV's, and microwaves.

Hobbies and activities: In the summertime, what Velda enjoys the most is visiting with many members of her family, friends, and neighbors who come to sit with her on her front porch.

Secret to longevity: When asked her secret to longevity Velda replied, “As of yet, I have to find that out. I have always had good health.” She jokes, “The first 100 is the hardest!”

Descendants: Three children, nine grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren, and thirty-five great-great-grandchildren.

Marguerite Derr Flickinger

Marguerite Derr was born in 1906 in Pennsylvania, she was one of three children born to Samuel and Flora Derr. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Outstanding memories: Marguerite was a bridesmaid when her good friend Gladys married Rodney “Flick” Flickinger. Years later, after her husband, Paul, and her friend, Gladys, had passed away Marguerite and “Flick” married. They said “I do” in 1994. They were both eighty-eight years old and the local newspaper was delighted to cover the wedding.

Hobbies and activities: Marguerite enjoys playing bridge, reading, and keeping up on current events.

Descendants: One child, two grandchildren, and two great- grandchildren.



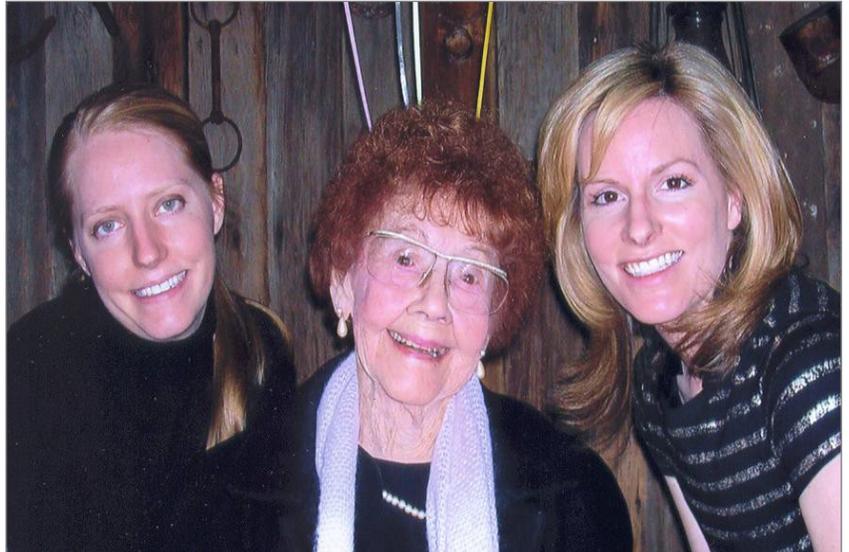
Marguerite at the Governor's Century Club celebration



Marguerite (dressed in black and white) and family members at her mother's ninetieth birthday



Marguerite and great-granddaughters, Sarah and Melissa, 1983



Marguerite and great-granddaughters, Sarah and Melissa, at Marguerite's 102nd birthday party



Rodney "Flick" and Marguerite Flickinger's wedding with Marguerite's great-granddaughters, Sarah and Melissa



**Marguerite and her family
Left to right: granddaughter, Joan, daughter, Patricia,
great-granddaughters, Sarah and Melissa**

Evelyn G. Gaskill

Evelyn Gurley Gaskill was born in 1912, in Hooks, Texas. She was the first of seven children born to John E. Gurley and Charlotte L. Wright Gurley.

Education: Evelyn graduated from high school when she was sixteen years old, she spent two years in college; she thought about school for two years and then went back to college for three more years to become a nurse. She worked as a nurse until she was seventy-nine years old.

Outstanding memories: Evelyn was born and raised on a farm in Hooks, Texas. She married twice and did not have children, but she has a stepson from her second marriage, who she cares for dearly. Evelyn has done some traveling in the past.

Favorite accomplishments: Being a nurse and serving as one until she turned seventy-nine years old.

Impressive changes: Some of the changes she has seen have frightened her and some have been very exciting.

Hobbies and activities: Evelyn still does a little sewing, reads a lot, and still does her own cooking.

Secret to longevity: Evelyn credits her longevity to eating right, not smoking or drinking, and staying away from drugs, except for the prescribed ones from your doctor.

Best advice: “Follow all the advices this yearbook says as much as possible.”



Evelyn at Centenarian Club celebration



Evelyn and her first husband, Clarence Wilburn, 1935



Evelyn and her dear friend who brought her to Utah



Evelyn and her late sister, Wystress



Evelyn and her friend Marcela



Evelyn and guests with Lt. Governor, Greg Bell, at Centenarian Club celebration



Evelyn, and DHS-DAAS Assistant Director, Michael Styles, at Centenarian Club celebration

Lyle W. Glines

Lyle William Glines was born in 1910 in Vernal, Utah, the third child born to Earnest William Glines and Addie Lathona Glines. He has outlived all of his five siblings.

Education: Lyle attended eight years of elementary school in Neola, Utah and one year of high school at Roosevelt high school in Uintah County. He also attended LDS Seminary.



Lyle's 100th birthday



Missionary Picture 1929

Outstanding memories: Lyle recalls, "I had a pretty normal life for a growing boy on a homesteaded farm." He and his family milked their own cows, churned their own butter, gathered their own eggs, and grew their own garden. They carried water from their well or from the ditch. Lyle rode a horse three miles to elementary school every day. His elementary school was housed in a log building with a potbelly wood-burning stove for heat.

Lyle served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1929-1931 in the Southern States Mission, spending most of his time in Missouri and Arkansas. At that time, there was no allowance or money sent to missionaries from home so Lyle and his companions had to rely on the LDS church members for housing and food. "For the most part, they were very good to us," Lyle recalls.

During his mission, Lyle wrote letters to his childhood sweetheart, Sarah Horrocks. They had started courting when she was thirteen and Lyle was fifteen years old. At the end of his mission, Lyle wrote Sarah asking her to marry him. When Sarah said yes the young couple decided to meet in Salt Lake City on Lyle's way home. Sarah and her father met Lyle's train on a cold day in December 1931 and a few hours later Lyle and Sarah were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Sarah's father and Lyle's missionary companion served as witnesses. Sarah and Lyle had many years of blissful marriage together until Sarah passed away in 2007, just a few weeks after the couple's seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

Years later in 1983, Lyle's grandson was called to serve his mission in the Arkansas, Little Rock Mission and covered some of the same country where Lyle had served. Lyle's grandson had a companion whose grandfather had been Lyle's missionary companion so many years ago.

When he was forty-five years old, Lyle decided to go to Salt Lake Barber College. After graduating, he opened his own shop in Salt Lake City and cut hair for a number of years before moving back to Vernal. Lyle opened a shop in Vernal, which he operated until he retired at the age of eighty-five.



Lyle with team "Doll" and "Sue" in 1943

Lyle now lives with his oldest son and daughter in law in a nice home in South Jordan. They provide him with excellent care.

Favorite accomplishments: Lyle’s favorite accomplishments are his seventy-five years of happy marriage with his childhood sweetheart, Sarah, and raising their four children – three sons and one daughter – together. He and his wife loved to travel, camp, and fish and did so for many years with their children and later their grandchildren. They especially enjoyed their travels through the Western United States, Canada, and Hawaii. They loved growing a big garden to share with their family and friends and canned a lot of food for storage. Lyle built four homes in Vernal, all of which are still standing today.

Impressive changes: Lyle explains, “The most impressive changes in my lifetime have come in transportation, communication, recreation, scientific discoveries, and medical advancement. All are beyond the wildest dreams of a young lad born 100 years ago. I would not like to again go through my early-married life, the struggle and poverty we had in providing a living for our family during the Great Depression. No phone, no electricity, no indoor plumbing, no central heating, and very little transportation. Thank the Lord for the changes and advancements in the above-mentioned areas.”



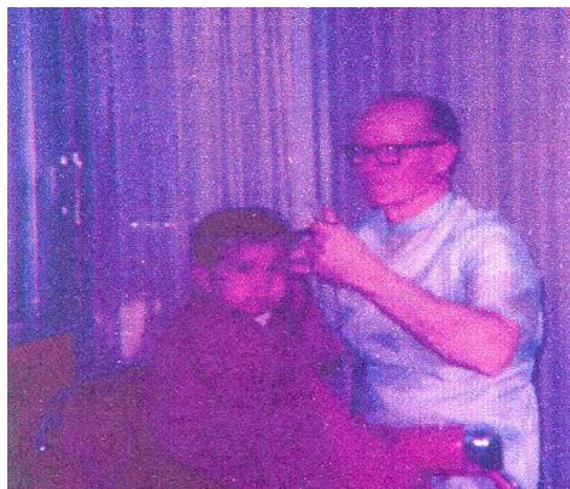
Fishing with son and grandsons 1968

Hobbies and activities: These days, Lyle mostly reads and watches selected programs on television. He likes to watch the Utah Jazz and BYU sports. “For people 100 years old, activities are quite limited,” Lyle explains, “I enjoy going out to eat and having dinner at the homes of my grandchildren.”

Secret to longevity: Lyles claims to have the secret for living to be 100 years old. “I have tried to be honest with my fellow men and live the word of wisdom. I drink lots of water. I was never afraid of hard work and tried to serve the Lord to the best of my ability.”

Best advice: Lyle’s advice to the younger generation is “To never say anything or do anything that later on in life’s journey you may regret.”

Descendants: Four children, ten grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.



Cutting his grandson’s hair 1974

Wendell B. Hansen

Wendell Bernard Hansen was born in 1912 in East Garland, Utah, the youngest of four children born to Eugene Siverene Hansen and Birdie Kathinka Olsen Hansen. He has outlived all of his siblings.



Wendell (seated) with his brother and sister

Outstanding memories: Wendell grew up on a farm in East Garland where he learned the value of work and enjoyed his time with animals. He found out how animals respond to loving care. He is very thankful for the opportunities he had to work. When Wendell was young, transportation was by wagon or buggy when it was warm and horse-drawn sleigh in the winter. Wendell remembers the horses wore bells that could be heard for a long way. He went to school in a two-room schoolhouse which had four grades in each room. The elementary school was one and a half miles from his home. Wendell walked there every day.



When Wendell's father was called on a mission for the LDS Church, Wendell and his mother went to live with Wendell's grandmother in Brigham City. His first year of high school was at Box Elder High. One evening, Wendell became very ill with diphtheria. He was quarantined for half a school year before he recovered. A doctor came every week in his one-horse buggy to swab Wendell's throat. When Wendell's father returned, the family moved back to East Garland where Wendell attended Bear River high school for three years. Because he did not receive credit for attending a half year at Box Elder high school, Wendell was not able to graduate. However, he was accepted at Utah Agriculture College in Logan, Utah where they had free buttermilk and required Military Science. "I really enjoyed the buttermilk," Wendell recalls, "but didn't enjoy the required military." Wendell had attended for less than a year before he had to quit to help his father on the farm.

When Wendell and his siblings were young, all of their activities were held either at the LDS Church or at homes. They sang songs, had dances, put on plays, played basketball, and other games. It was a fun time for Wendell. Wendell was always interested in automobiles. On his fifteenth birthday his father gave him \$15.00. He found a Model T Ford pickup with no top in Garland for his \$15.00 and drove it home. At that time, one did not have to have a license to drive a car. One just had to keep gas in the car and have the energy to crank the car.

In 1935, Wendell was called on a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Swiss-German Mission for two and a half years. While serving, Wendell learned what it was like to live under a dictator, Adolf Hitler. Missionaries had to report to the police within twenty-four hours of arrival in the country as well as every time they moved from one place to another within the country. They had to show their passports and report why they were there and where they were living. The missionaries considered their passports to be incredibly valuable. They had to have their passports with them at all times. The SS and SA were everywhere. Whenever they saw Hitler, they had to salute continually by holding their right arm straight out. Wendell often had to use his left arm to help his right arm stay in place. "If you dropped your arm, you were immediately taken to jail," Wendell recalls, "One of my companions said, 'I am an American' and



Wendell and Nelva newlyweds in 1939

dropped his arm. He was immediately taken to jail. The Jews living in our area disappeared and we never saw them again.” When he was twenty-one years old, Wendell met Nelva Cook in Logan. She was sixteen years old at the time. The two were married six years later in the Salt Lake Temple. After almost seventy-four years of marriage Wendell is convinced he married the right person. Nelva is now ninety-five and still helps and supports Wendell every day. After farming for years and then sitting at a desk for years, Wendell was glad the government insisted people retire at the age of sixty-five. After Wendell retired, he and Nelva were called on an eighteen-month mission to Australia for the LDS Church. They went on five more missions to Mexico, Chile, Atlanta Temple, Dallas Temple, and Nauvoo Visitors Center. “We enjoyed our missions very much,” Wendell explains, “The people we met and the opportunities we had were outstanding. We had the best retirement anyone could have. My wife and I have enjoyed being together, traveling, and meeting people.”

Favorite accomplishments: Wendell considers raising his four children to become outstanding citizens in partnership with his wife as his greatest accomplishment. When his family was young, Wendell and his wife took their children on trips, boating, and camping. They went to Bear Lake quite often in the summer where they enjoyed their time together as a family. Wendell became blind at the age of ninety and joined the American Federation for the Blind. Through the many books on tape he has received from the AFB, Wendell has listened to hundreds of books by his favorite authors, church books, classics, etc. He greatly appreciates all that the Blind Association has done for him.

Impressive changes: Wendell appreciates having fresh water in the home, telephones, and electric lights. He considers automobiles and airplanes as great means to see this country and the world. He believes radio, television, and computers have made a big difference in our lives. He believes there was never a time when so many things came to improve quality of life.

Hobbies and activities: Wendell walks on his treadmill every day. He listens to Jazz basketball and Uof U and BYU sports on the radio. He loves to have visits from his family, especially his great-grandchildren. Wendell enjoys walking with his walker outdoors when the weather is good. “It doesn’t seem there is time enough to do all the things I like to do,” he explains.

Secret to longevity: “Heredity; having a happy marriage and a very good family life; and loving my fellow man and taking an interest in the lives of my family members.”

Best advice: “Be happy, enjoy each day, and live a good life. Be honest in your dealings, help other people, and be happy with what you have.”

Descendants: Four children, twenty grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



Wendell and Nelva (center)



David, Wayne, Marie, Jerel, Nelva, and Wendell

Margarete Stahl Hicken

Margarete Stahl was born in 1906 in Pforzheim, Germany, the second of five children born to Emil Eugen Stahl and Emilie Labbé Stahl. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: Margarete attended public schools in Germany to eighth grade, and then completed a three year apprenticeship at a German jewelry factory, which sent her to a vocational-tech specialized school where she also studied accounting and French, because French is used a lot in the jewelry business.

Outstanding memories: Margarete remembers World War I very well.



As a young child in Germany

Once, when she was eight, her family was passing by a circus and ended up hunkering down to dodge a bomb. It was the first bomb she had ever heard and she says “it’s a sound you never,

ever forget.” Margarete immigrated alone to the United States at age twenty-two. She learned English in night classes at West high school and sang with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for a decade. Later, she was honored as the oldest living former choir member. In 1939, Margarete started a long career as a comptometer operator at Zion’s Bank in Salt Lake City, from which she retired thirty-two years later. A comptometer was a type of mechanical adding machine on which the operator pressed the keys to do large calculations in a pre-computer world. She married George Wilkin, who had a long career as a cost accountant with Utah Oil. He died in 1979. Six years later, she married Dr. N. Frederick Hicken, a surgeon. He was eighty-four and she was seventy-eight.

He died Christmas 1998 at age ninety-eight, and Margarete has been

determinedly independent ever since, though she has surrounded herself with a whole “village” of friends and has frequent guests. During World War II, as reports swirled about bombings around and in her hometown, she was unable for long periods of time to reach family in Germany to be sure they were doing all right. She lost a brother, who fought in Russia during that war, and her father, who died in 1948. She talked her remaining immediate family, her sister Nellie and her mother, into coming to the United States, where they settled in Salt Lake City.

Favorite accomplishments: Singing in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, swimming regularly until just before turning 100 years of age, and accumulating tons of varied and dear friends.

Impressive changes: The trip to the moon; technology.

Hobbies and activities: Margarete says, “I just keep everything going in the house. I have a keyboard and am learning to play it. I avidly follow current events.”



Margarete and her comptometer

Secret to longevity: Margarete says, “Good genetics and live from day to day. I am very fortunate to have good friends, so I stay active and involved. I take things as they come and stay cheerful.”

Best advice: “Live and enjoy every day the best you can, and be very grateful for all the friends you have.”



**Honored as the oldest living former member of the Mormon
Tabernacle Choir**

Erna Wagner Huck

Erna Wagner was born in 1911 in Frankfurt, Germany, the youngest of five children born to Friedrich Wagner and Emilie Wurster Wagner. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: Erna attended school in Germany until she was fifteen years old. She then spent two years at Haushaltungsschule, or Home Economics School, where she learned to cook, sew, manage finances, and other skills essential to maintaining a successful household. After finishing Haushaltungsschule, Erna attended beauty school.

Outstanding memories: Erna remembers watching soldiers march down the street at the beginning of WWI. She was only three years old and held tight to her mother's hand for comfort.



Erna at age three

Erna grew up with a coal stove. She can still remember when they installed electricity and later their first bathtub into their family home.

Erna's mother became very ill when she was fifteen and Erna was left to take care of her mother and the household. In 1934 she married her beloved husband, Hermann, who she had grown up with in the LDS church. They welcomed two sons to their family. During WWII, Erna fled with her sons to the mountainous Black Forest for safety while Hermann drove on the Russian front. Searching for a better life for their sons, Erna and her family immigrated to America after the war. With a strong work ethic, the Hucks worked for many years. After Hermann retired they were able to travel all over the world. "We had such a happy marriage," Erna recalls.



As a young woman

Favorite accomplishments: Erna's favorite accomplishments are centered on her family. Erna cherishes her sixty-four year marriage to her true love. She also celebrates her sons' success. "While we didn't have the privilege of continuing our education," she explains, "It was important to us to provide that opportunity for our sons." Their oldest son became a dentist and their younger son has a PhD in electrical engineering. Erna is also proud to have learned English when she was forty years old.

Impressive changes: Erna has seen much growth and change in the Salt Lake Valley since they first arrived in 1949. She worries it is no longer as safe in the valley as it once was. She believes everything has changed and people's attitudes are not as positive or friendly. All of her friends from the past have passed away and her friends now are ten to twenty years younger than her. She believes the advances in technology which have taken place during her lifetime are amazing. Erna learned how to use a computer so she can use email to keep in touch with the many friends she has made all over the world.

Hobbies and activities: Erna enjoyed skiing until she was ninety-four years old! She was very sad when she had to give it up. Erna can't do a lot of physical activity anymore, but she loves to spend time with her family, go

to church, and read to keep her mind sharp.

Secret to longevity: Erna always worked hard, but also took time to enjoy life. Her family and friends were a very important part of her life. Erna has always worked to keep them close and still attend many social activities. She believes her faith in her church and God gave her the strength she needed after she lost her husband in 1998. Erna still swims and exercises at the gym two or three times a week. She does breathing exercises every morning.

Best advice: “Always keep a positive attitude! I think about the things I still can do, instead of what I can’t do. I wake up every morning thankful to be alive.”

Descendants: Two children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



Erna and Hermann



Erna in her beautiful dirndl, a traditional German dress

Eudora Mitchell Johnson

Eudora Mitchell was born in 1913, in Salt Lake City. The fifth child born to Vernon Claude Mitchell and Eudora Allgood Mitchell. She and her sister have outlived all of their siblings.

Education: Eudora attended Edison Elementary, Jordan Jr. high, and West high, graduating in December at the age of fifteen. Eudora was slated to attend college at the University of Utah studying music and nutrition. However, her mother passed away the November before she graduated high school. She attended University of Utah but dropped out to help take care of her younger siblings. She stayed home until she married three years later.

Outstanding memories: Eudora grew up in a wonderful neighborhood in downtown Salt Lake City on Iola Avenue. The neighborhood children would play what all kids play; tag, jacks, statue, and ball. They'd play baseball in the road in front of her house with her big brothers or swing on the big swing their dad built in the backyard. On Saturdays, the Mitchell kids would go to the Peter Rabbit shows at the Pantages Theater. Eudora's favorite pastime was however, to play the piano. As a student at Jordan Jr. high and a member of their choir, she was invited to play a solo on KSL radio. She played a piece by Chopin and remembers the man was trying to give her piece of Martha Washington candy and she refused.



The Mitchells spent their summers in Idaho to be with their dad who oversaw the construction of service stations in Utah and Idaho. They lived in Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, and many other cities sometimes camping along the Snake River and other times they rented an apartment. In Pocatello, Eudora washed dishes for the ailing landlord. Once while camping in Idaho, a snake crawled out of her brother's suitcase and she took off running. When Dora was old enough she stayed home and worked at Kress' department store in the yardage and later as a sales clerk.



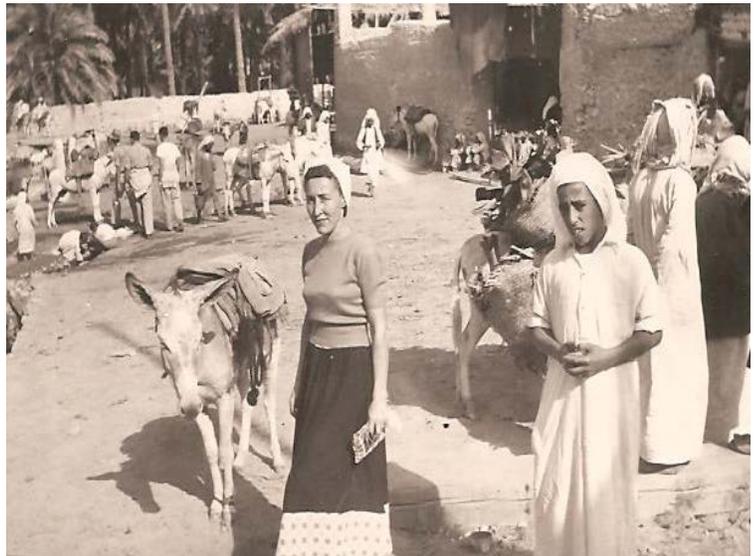
Eudora and Russell

Eudora started school at the age of four and a half insisting she was old enough to go to school with her brothers. Her mother sent her with the older boys saying, "When they (the school) tell Eudora she's not old enough that will be the end of it." Because Eudora could read and write her name, the school not only let her stay but also they moved her and two other kindergartners up to first grade. The school later moved the same three children up a half year to second grade. Eudora's mother passed away in 1929. Eudora was due to graduate high school with her older brothers that December. She was fifteen. She started up at the University of Utah the following fall. The plan had been to go to college and then on to the local music school. She stayed home after one semester to help care for her younger siblings until she married in 1933.

Eudora met her husband of seventy-eight years Russell Johnson at the "Blue Bird" in Salt Lake. Eudora and her cousin, Emily, would often go dancing on the weekends either at the Blue Bird or the Odeon. When she met Russell, he liked her and soon all her other boyfriends were set aside. They courted until Russell went to Boulder city looking for work. They kept in touch through letters until they married in 1933.

Together Russell and Eudora lived all over the world. Beginning in McKeeversville, Nevada near Boulder City where Russell helped build “Boulder Dam” which is now called Hoover Dam. He worked as a large crane operator. When the dam was completed Russ and Dora moved to Lakeview, Oregon to run his father’s ranch. In Oregon they raised sheep and farmed an apple orchard. After a few years on the ranch, they headed to Shelton, Washington to Russ’ brothers’ resort for the winter. However, soon after they arrived they received a telegram communicating Dora’s brother Howard had been killed in a plane crash. They headed back to Utah and later bought an ice cream parlor in Parker, Arizona. Being the only non-saloon establishment, they always had plenty of business. Knowing he could make more money in the shipyards, Russ and Dora sold the ice cream shop and headed to San Diego. After the war broke out, Russell was sent to Hawaii to help rebuild Pearl Harbor. Eudora went to work in the recruiting office at Fort Douglas for night service command which had been moved from the Presidio on the coast. She enlisted new recruits all during the war.

Around 1950, Russell went to work for ARAMCO as a heavy crane operator. He captained a large derrick barge called the Haveside. Eudora joined him after the first contract and they lived in Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia for ten years. While in Arabia, Russ and Dora adopted their son Brian from Frankfurt, Germany. They were so excited, the company even let Russell take the day off when Eudora brought Brian home. In 1960, Russell and Eudora returned to the states to enroll Brian in school. They bought a home in San Diego, which they loved. When Russ took another overseas contract Eudora returned to



Eudora in Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia

Bountiful, Utah where they built their home of forty years. While in Bountiful, she loved attending the Utah Symphony and Hale Center Theatre with her sisters. She enjoyed to shop in downtown Salt Lake. Her favorite pastime was practicing the piano. There she also had many wonderful neighbors and was close to her family. Eudora now lives with her granddaughter in Kaysville, Utah and is a wonderful addition to their home. Always helping, she has never been one to let grass grow under her feet for long.

Eudora enjoys to visit with her sister, many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as friends and neighbors. She loves everyone. She is the sweetest, wisest and most understanding lady you will ever meet. She always makes our day, freely complimenting all those around her. She is often heard saying “My, how much she’s grown, or isn’t he handsome.”

Favorite accomplishments: Played a piano piece by Chopin on KSL at age eleven with her school. Graduated high school at age fifteen. “I can get a meal on the table.” “I could help my mother by tending the younger kids.” She helped care for her younger siblings when her mom passed away. When her sisters had children she was always there to help with her nieces and nephews. Often she brought presents back to her cousins’ children as well. She never knew debt. When the dam was finished they had saved enough money to buy a new Dodge with a red interior and still had money in savings to pay cash for their sheep herd.

Impressive changes: “The improvements are just miraculous.” “Everything in general.”

Hobbies and activities: She loves giving cookies to the kids, sharing stories of her life, and listening to good music. Her favorite musician is violinist and composer, Andre Rieu. She enjoys watching the great grandchildren grow up, and she loves long drives in the mountain to see the fall colors, and visiting family and friends.

Secret to longevity: “Eat healthy, never stop being active. Eat lots of fruits and vegetables.”

Best advice: “Always be aware of new things coming along. Always love everybody, expect the best of everyone. There’s usually a reason for what happens. We’re all human beings. Be kind and considerate to all. Don’t buy things on time (Her mother used to say this meaning don’t buy something until you have earned the money to pay for it.)”

Descendants: One son, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



Eudora and her son, Brian

Mary Waki Kawakami

Mary Waki was born in 1912 in Fort Lupton, Colorado, the oldest of eleven children born to Kenshiro Waki and Shizuko Furukawa. She is one of four still living.

Education: Mary attended both Jordan high school and Murray high school, she graduated from Murray high. She also attended Steven-Henager College, Ex-cel-cis School of Beauty and Culture, and obtained her cosmetology license.

Outstanding Memories: Although she grew up facing a lot of persecution and racism because of Japanese descent, and her mother had passed away when she was young, she always had good friends and a supportive family.

One kind memory she has is was when she was fourteen years old, her school's principal, Mr. Malstrom, asked his wife to make Mary some clothes. "Mrs. Malstrom helped me make a lovely dress. She was a sweet woman with a kind temperament. I loved the dress and wore it to tatters."



Mary meeting U.S. President Ford



Mary and her youngest son,

Paul

Mary had a friend in high school who helped her with her grades. Her friend's father was a German born butcher and even though Mary can't remember her name, she showed her the value of education.

Mary's step-mother introduced her to her husband, Charlie. He was a Japanese mechanic who worked in the Spring Canyon (Storrs) mine by Price, Utah. A couple of months later they were married by a Mormon bishop in the Spring Canyon boarding house.

Charlie sent Mary to the Ex-cel-cis School of Beauty and Culture. She lived in a hotel in Salt Lake City and Charlie would come up every weekend to visit. When Mary finished school, Charlie's step-father built her a beauty shop out of stone in Spring Canyon. She did hair styling there and made friends until Pearl Harbor. Then all people of Japanese descent were told to leave.

"We moved to American Fork where we had a family, two boys, two girls and I continued to develop my hair styling business."

Her husband, Charlie, passed away about ten years ago, when he was almost 101. "Even though I miss him, I try to stay busy." Mary says.

Favorite accomplishments: Mary owned and ran her own beauty college; Mary Kawakami's College of Beauty, for decades before retiring at the age of eighty-five.

She got her driver's license when she was seventy-four. "My husband and I used to take turns driving to Wendover."

Mary also organized a speech contest for the youth of American Fork in 2004. It's now an annual competition with scholarship money for prizes. She did it to help kids because she was a shy girl who had a hard time

speaking. It has been very successful, and grows more each year. Mary has accomplished a lot, but says “My family is my greatest accomplishment.”

Impressive changes: Mary feels the biggest changes she has witnessed through the years are: political changes; which has created financial chaos for America. Technological changes, she saw the invention of the television and it has progressed to flat-screens, and moral changes “People have lost simple comforts and they see morals as relative.”

Hobbies and activities: Mary likes watching *Dr. Oz*, *American Idol*, and *The Antiques Roadshow*. She likes to shop at Costco, eating good steaks, and seeing her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loves to go on cruises to Hawaii, South America, and Polynesia!

Secret to longevity: “Love and relax. Give love and accept love.”

Best advice: “When it all comes down to it, you have your family and your friends. Treasure them and treat them well. Travel as much as you can. Learn about other cultures and see the world.”

Decedents: Four children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



Charlie and Mary recently married

**American Fork Hairdresser
On List of World's Top 10**

Special to The Tribune

AMERICAN FORK — Mrs. Mary Kawakami, American Fork, already prominent in the fields of beauty, hair styling and fashion, has been added to the list of the top 10 hair stylists in the world.

SHE WILL BE presented a trophy Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. by the president of the Los Angeles and Hollywood Hairdressers, NHCA, and Ann Sothern, television and movie star.

Mrs. Kawakami has won previous recognition for her outstanding styling as evidenced by 14 major trophies including the Grand Award Trophy from the Hollywood Coiffure Guild in Los Angeles.

FOR THE LAST several years she has traveled extensively, teaching basic and high fashion hairstyling in major national conventions from coast to coast.

Asked how many dogs cats and other pets his children have, the man at the next desk replied he doesn't know, he hasn't been home since morning.

Mary Kawakami . . . Rated as a top world hair stylist.

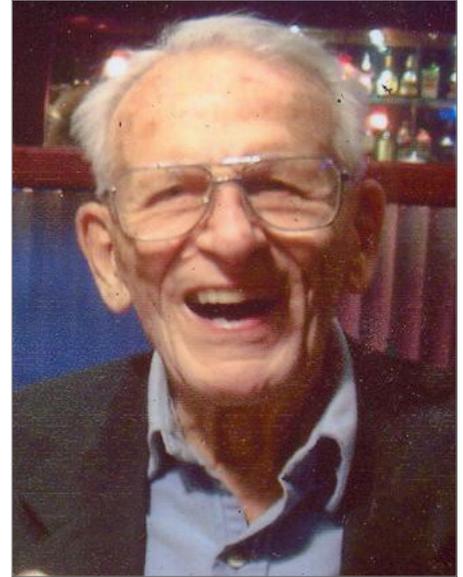
Highest Career Achievement, one of ten best hairdressers in the world!

Alfred E. Kessler

Alfred Eugene Kessler was born in 1912 in Manhattan Island, New York, NY, the second of two children born to Eugene G. Kessler, MD and Henrietta Herbener Kessler. He has outlived his brother Richard.

Education: Alfred attended Stuyvesant and Trinity high schools in New York City, received his AB degree from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and a Master's from Columbia University School of Public Health.

Outstanding memories: World War I memories anchored Alfred's youth. He entered public school in New York City and then transferred to a parochial school. Alfred later attended a public industrial high school for two years. Fearing his courses would not be accepted by well-known colleges, Alfred transferred to a private school and graduated in 1930. Alfred was accepted to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and went on to receive a Master's degree in Public Health. His first job was with a voluntary health agency, Queensborough TB and Health Association in Queens, New York City. He also spent four months at a European University. Alfred married his sweetheart, Frances Hazard, in 1941. Together they raised two children.



Alfred, age ten (standing in center) Boys' Camp in Bridgeton, Maine

Favorite accomplishments: In 1928, Alfred was hired by a publishing house as an after-hours office boy for fifty cents an hour. As a youth, he enjoyed attending boys' camps during the summertime. He was a traveling companion to a boy of a wealthy family and he saw much of the U.S. Alfred is proud to have experienced the transition in tuberculosis treatment. Now, instead of ordering bed rest, doctors can prescribe life saving medication.

Impressive changes: For Alfred some of the most impressive changes he's seen include: the change from horse-drawn to

motorized vehicles; airplanes, television with sound and later color; introduction of atom smashing, molecular concepts, space travel, etc.

Hobbies and activities: Alfred enjoys gardening and traveling internationally. He has been involved in many clubs and associations including: serving as the former president and board member of United Nations Association of Utah; membership in the Museum of National History of Utah's Copper Club; membership of the Wild Old Bunch at Alta Ski Resort; and membership of the seventy-plus Ski Club.

Secret to longevity: Alfred recommends picking parents with the right genes, physical activity in moderation, continuing inquisitiveness, and recognizing no one lifestyle has the secret to longevity.

Best advice: Alfred advises planning life-time learning, initiating conversations, and seeking good friendships.

Descendants: Two children and thirteen grandchildren.



Age twenty-two



Alfred and Frances



Alfred, guests, and Lt. Governor Bell at Centenarians Club celebration



Alfred at Centenarians Club celebration



Alfred and Governor Herbert at Centenarians Club celebration

Regina Borsik Kloepfer

Regina “Rae” Pauline Borsik was born in 1911 in Omaha, Nebraska, the third of five children born to Peter and Julia Borsik. Both of her parents were of Polish descent. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: Regina had a very happy childhood. She grew up in a neighborhood consisting mostly of her close Polish relatives. She attended Catholic grade school and walked two miles to school every day. To this day Regina can still remember every nun she had as a teacher and they are all long Polish names! Regina’s father died from tuberculosis when she was very young and her mother later remarried.



Age sixteen

As a teenager, Regina moved to Chicago, Illinois to live with friends. She decided to follow in her sister Katherine’s footsteps and enroll in nursing school. Her plans quickly changed when she met William (Bill) Kloepfer who would become her future husband.

Rae and Bill lived in Chicago during the ups and downs of the “Roaring 20s” and later the Great Depression. The two had a great time dancing at the Aragon Ballroom to all the famous bands; including Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey, Glen Miller, and Guy Lombardo. Rae remembers bathtub gin, flapper girls; speak easies, and the Great Depression.

Rae and Bill were married in 1930 in Chicago at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. To make a living Bill drove a two-horse wagon, delivering ice to speak easies, some owned by Al Capone.

Rae and Bill had two children. In 1945, the family packed up and followed Rae’s sister Katherine to Helper, Utah. Bill first found work with the railroad and later at the Kenilworth and Castle Gate mines where he worked as a self-taught hydraulics mechanic. Rae worked at Nolan’s Corner Store, sold Tupperware, and later found employment at the Helper Museum. Rae and Bill lived a short time in Moab, having moved there for employment.



Wedding day 1930



Rae and Bill’s wedding reception 1930

The couple was always active in the Catholic Church and in 1980 they received a Papal Blessing from Pope John Paul II on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

In 1983, at the age of seventy-four, Bill passed away from colon cancer. For several years after that, Rae traveled extensively with lady friends and saw many of the Western States in a program associated with the College of Eastern Utah.

Rae has vivid memories of the “good old days,” past friends and family, the Great Depression, where she was when Pearl Harbor was attacked, their first car, all the presidents of her time, and learning to drive at age fifty.

Hobbies and activities: Rae was a fantastic seamstress. She made clothes for her daughter and later sewed for her granddaughters. She and Bill loved to play bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs. Rae played bridge until she was ninety-nine years old; playing with some lovely ladies who would always say “they learned something all the time from Rae.”

In 2010, Rae suffered a fall and broke her hip. She was ninety-eight years old, but being a tough Polish lady, she walked out of the hospital with a walker. Today she still uses the walker but only occasionally. Rae lives at a residential care facility in Price, where she has resided for ten years. She is comfortable, safe, and happy, and considers everyone there her extended family.

Secret to longevity: “Don’t worry about the piddely small stuff.”

Descendants: Two children, seven grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and twenty-seven great-great-grandchildren. Rae lost one granddaughter to Hantavirus and misses her still today.



Rae on her ninety-ninth birthday with her children, Karen and Matt

L. Berniece B. Kramer

Louella Berniece Barratt was born in 1911 in American Fork, Utah, the first born child to William Mark Barratt and Grace Moyle Barratt. She and her sister have outlived all of her siblings.

Education: Berniece attended American Fork high school and graduated in 1929, she also went to business school in Salt Lake City.

Outstanding memories: Berniece survived the flu epidemic of 1918, but her younger brother William died. When she was eight years old, she was baptized in American Fork Tabernacle by her Sunday school teacher Marley Steele, she was so happy she says “I skipped all the way home.” When Berniece was a teenager, she participated in the Armistice Parade in American Fork in which she rode a Model-T Ford to Pleasant Grove. She was an extra in a pioneer movie *All Faces West*, the movie producers wanted people from American Fork to be in the movie, so the word spread and her entire family turned out to be extras in the movie as well. She had the opportunity to sing *Ave Maria* in Sacramento church meeting. At her American Fork high school she sang in operettas, played the French horn in the AFHS Band and Orchestra.



Berniece and Herbert 1935

During the Depression in 1929, Berniece worked in Salt Lake Hardware. Jobs were very scarce in Utah, so she went to San Francisco, California to try her luck, she had some cousins who helped her and soon she found employment with Federal Reserve Bank and Union Oil Company, while working there she met her future husband, Herbert Vincent Kramer; Union Oil Company would not allow a husband and wife work together since jobs were scarce, so she and Herbert eloped to Reno, Nevada and married in secret. They lived in San Francisco for forty-five years, and then moved to American Fork, Utah where they bought their winter home, they also bought another home in Las Vegas, Nevada and lived in both places for ten years until they established their permanent residence in Utah. Berniece worked as a bookkeeper most of the time. She took sewing lessons and mastered tailoring her own suits. During those years, Berniece and Herbert had the opportunity to travel many places such as, Australia, Bali, British Virgin Islands, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Portugal, and Spain.

Berniece played bridge until she turned ninety-five; she drove a car until she turned ninety years old, and raised a wonderful daughter, Karen Grace.

Favorite accomplishments: Berniece is thankful she made it through The Great Depression 1929. She considers herself a self-made woman, and she is proud of raising her daughter into a well-educated and a wonderful woman.

Impressive changes: Berniece was one of the first people to own a fax machine. She is impressed by the evolution of the automobiles “from Model-T Ford, to Buick, to Cadillac, to modern day super-fast cars.” She changed from Democrat to Republican.

Hobbies and activities: Berniece enjoys spending time with her family.

Secret to longevity: Berniece believes that her good disposition, not worrying too much, a good diet filled with whole wheat bread and honey instead of sugar, and a good marriage is the secret to her longevity.

Best advice: “Be of good cheer. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade, press on.”

Descendants: One daughter, one grandchild, and ten great-grandchildren.



1927-1928



Germany 1996



100th Birthday

Verl Johansen Lambert

Verl Johansen was born in 1912 in Woolfort, Alberta, Canada. She is one of eight children. Verl has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: Verl attended grade school, high school, and a year at BYU.

Impressive changes: Verl has seen so many changes over the years of her lifetime. The main ones are those involving communication, technology and entertainment such as the telephone, mobile phones, typewriters, computers, television, and movies. Also, automobiles and going to the moon.

Secret to longevity: “Following the word of wisdom was hard but pleasant work is the key to a long life. Also, eating the food that is naturally grown in your own garden helps with staying healthy.”

Best advice: “Pay as you go, be more community minded, and make sure you reach out to others and be helpful and be concerned for the goodwill of family and friends.”

Decedents: Seven children, twenty-five grandchildren, and twenty-four great grandchildren.

Merna Madden

Merna Thurman was born in 1913 in Glover, Wyoming, one of ten children born to Charles Alvin Thurman and Zilpha Ann Lowder Thrumman. She is one of three children still living.

Education: Merna started school in a two story school house in Glover, Wyoming. She finished elementary school and four years of high school in Blackfoot, Idaho where she graduated in 1930. She later attended a state college in Walnut, California, earning a nursing degree.

Outstanding memories: Merna's childhood years were spent in Star Valley, Wyoming hiking the hills and mountain ridges. Her first memory was at four years of age, when she was scalded with a pan of boiling water on her head and right shoulder. Fortunately it missed her face and eyes! At the age of eight, Merna suffered a ruptured appendix which put her in bed for almost a month.

Growing up in Wyoming, Merna was used to living in a very cold climate with the average temperature only forty-eight degrees. Winters were harsh and the snow was usually four to six feet deep. Her family later moved to Blackfoot, Idaho where Merna finished her school years. Because it was the beginning of the Great Depression, Merna didn't go to college immediately after graduating from high school, she instead began to do domestic work and soon met her husband to be, Charles Madden, in Los Angeles in 1936. They got married shortly after in 1937. They made their home in Los Angeles and later moved to Utah. In early 2013 Merna turned 100 years of age. Her husband passed away over thirty years ago. She is currently living with her oldest daughter, Mern Ann, in Provo, Utah.

Favorite accomplishments: Merna's favorite accomplishment is many years of searching family genealogy. She has been a teacher of church classes, bible and modern-day church history, and genealogy for twenty-five years! Merna has also written four books about Star Valley, Wyoming. These have all been amazing accomplishments, but Merna feels her greatest has been raising six children, five to adulthood. One little girl was electrocuted in their backyard when she was five years old.

Impressive changes: Merna wrote a history of her family and titled it "From covered wagons to rockets." She feels the title fits her thoughts on the most impressive changes she has seen. She made many covered wagon journeys of over 100 miles before she was twelve years old from Star Valley, Wyoming, and Blackfoot, Idaho. She lived in an "honest-to-goodness log cabin" during summer months until her family moved from Wyoming to Idaho.

Hobbies and activities: Merna still does family history and writes about ancestors. She also goes to family reunions and other get-together family gatherings.

Secret to longevity: "Have nothing to do with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, junk food, or food that has no value to your body. Get wholesome exercise and plenty of rest and sleep."

Best advice: "Live your life with one object in mind and that is so you can have a good healthy body and mind. Whatever you do, do it in a good healthy way. Love your family and try to be kind to everyone."

Decedents: Six children, twenty grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Anna Marie Gottone Mancuso

Anna Marie Gottone was born in 1904 in Flushing, New York, the fifth of eight children born to Angelo and Rosemarie Rullo Gottone. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: Anna loved to read and spell, but her mother had to take Anna out of school after the eighth grade because she was needed to help in the home.



Frank and Anna Marie with their son and first grandchild

Outstanding memories:

Anna's parents met and married in Naples, Italy, then came to America and settled in New York City. The family later moved to Denver in 1920.

Anna and Frank had three children, two daughters and one son. Anna's youngest daughter

tragically passed away when she was thirteen months old and Anna's son passed away at age seventy-eight. Anna currently lives with her oldest daughter, Rosemarie.



Anna remembers being a very active child who loved to climb trees and other things. Once, she decided to climb up on an icebox. The icebox fell over and she lacerated her forehead, requiring stitches. She remembers getting in big trouble with her mother. Her father worked on the railroad in Denver, Colorado but he was also a great cook. His family had owned restaurants in Naples, Italy and he could make many of the family's favorite Italian dishes. Anna also loved going to movies, which when she was a girl only cost ten cents. One day, she was watching a movie with friends when she laughed out loud, catching the attention of a young man named Frank Mancuso. Intrigued, Frank asked a friend to introduce him to Anna after the show. He lived in Grand Junction and the two wrote to each other for three years. They were married in June of 1926, moved to Grand Junction, and established their home. Frank and Anna enjoyed seventy-three years of marriage, until her dear husband passed away. Anna remembers Frank was a good husband and father. He worked hard and loved to garden. Their yard received the "Garden of the Month" award three separate summers.

Favorite accomplishments: Like Anna, many of her family members also lived long, healthy lives. Although her sister Virginia passed away at age twenty from the flu and her sister Elizabeth at age fifty-eight, her mother, father and four of her siblings lived into their late eighties and nineties. Anna, however, has out lived even her oldest brother, Thomas, who lived to age ninety-nine. She turnrd 109 early 2013.

Impressive changes: Anna feels she has seen many changes over the years, from the bicycle to the automobile; coal stoves to electricity, gas, and electric lights; washboard to washer and dryer; icebox to refrigerator; trains to airplanes; silent movies to surround sound; Victorolas to radios; washing dishes by hand to the automatic dishwasher; beauty shops, sprinkler systems, microwaves, and easy travel. She believes these to be great changes making life easier, but also thinks many young people don't appreciate all of the hard work her generation had to do to enjoy life.



Frank and Anna in their beautiful garden 1974



Anna and Frank enjoying dancing



Age ninety-five

Hobbies and activities: Anna loves to sew. Her mother taught her how to sew when she was four years old, and she still sews to this day although her arthritis prevents her from spending too long sewing. When her children were younger, Anna always sewed their clothing herself. She could look at a dress and make her own pattern out of newspaper. When she was eighteen years old, she opened a sewing shop with a close friend. They specialized in wedding dresses and wedding party attire. Anna also loved to cook. Her mother taught her how to cook when she was fifteen years old. After she married, she cooked, baked, and bottled two to three hundred quarts of fruits, veggies, jams, and jellies each year. Anna and her husband also went dancing often and entertained friends and family.



Sixtieth wedding anniversary 1986

After she was married, Anna traveled regularly between Grand Junction, Colorado to Denver to visit with her family. She and her husband traveled to Arizona, Mexico, and California with her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. They once saw Elvis Presley on a trip to Las Vegas. Anna still enjoys traveling and likes to play penny slot machines in Mesquite, Nevada with her daughter. She also loves visits with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She loves watching movies, *American Idol*, *Dancing with the Stars*, and *America's Got Talent*.

Secret to longevity: "I believe in hard work. I eat a lot of veggies and fruit. I take care of myself, my room, and my personal needs. I certainly feel I have slowed down at 107 years young, but age is just a number; it's what you do with it that matters."

On Anna's 108th birthday, she went to the beauty parlor to get her hair done and was surprised to see that the beauticians had set out nice table cloths, roses, and a birthday cake in honor of her birthday. The Virgin River Hotel and Casino hosted a party for her.

Descendants: Three children, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.



Five generations

Ancelia Marinoni Marchino

Ancelia “Shiela” Marinoni was born in 1911 in Rovetta, Italy, the first of five children born to Andrew and Rita Stabalini Marinoni. Her brother John Marinoni, who is 100 years old, is her last living brother.

Outstanding memories: Ancelia and her two younger brothers were the fifth generation living in a stone house in Rovetta. When she was eight years old, she along with her mother and two brothers, immigrated to America to rejoin their father. He was a rock mason and had come to America five years earlier to work in his trade. Having to leave her grandmother who helped raise her and her brothers was a very emotional experience. She became very scared when it came time to leave her grandmother and board the giant ship to cross the ocean. As fate would have it, her fear was realized when the ship developed engine trouble

during the trip. With an apparent concern of a fire, the crew began to make ready the lifeboats to evacuate the women and children. Fortunately, the engine problem was resolved before they had to board the lifeboats. It was a frightful experience which she can recall in detail to this day.

The family settled in Idaho and lived in Lava Hot Springs for a short time while her father worked laying stone in building the Whitestone Hotel. Her fondest memory upon their arrival in Lava was the cook stove in the house. Being able to cook both “on top” and “in the oven” was an impressive experience.

Upon leaving Lava Hot Springs, the family moved to develop a farm in Arimo, Idaho. Life on the farm was very difficult, requiring hard labor and long hours. Living in Arimo was

discouraging, as the family did not speak English and local kids made fun of them. She slowly learned some English and attended school, traveling by horseback. Besides trying to go to school, she had to help with house chores. After giving birth to another boy, her mother became very ill and had to spend several months in the hospital in Pocatello, Idaho. Ancelia, now at the age of nine, had to help take care of the baby, cook, and watch over her two younger brothers. Growing up and working on the farm and getting to school on a regular basis was difficult so she only went through the eleventh grade. The Great Depression caused the family to lose the farm and with a few of their belongings they moved to Utah’s Carbon County in 1931 to find work in the coal mines. While living in Helper, Utah, Ancelia met Mario Marchino and they were married in 1933. She and her husband, who worked as a butcher, were able to scrimp and save a little at a time.

They built a small service station in Carbonville. They operated the station from 1939 to 1952. It served the locals with gas and groceries and unknowingly had an original “7-11” convenience store concept, only on a very small scale.



Ancelia (center) with her brothers, Clement and John, in Rovetta, Italy 1915



Arrival to America, 1919 Ancelia, her mother, and two brothers

In 1953, they bought a motel in Price and were in the motel business until their retirement in 1975. Upon their retirement, Ancelia and Mario went on several trips touring both the United States and Canada. After her husband passed away in 1996, Ancelia and her sister Aurelia (who died in 2007) spent time together and had many memorable outings in which they played the “penny slots.” on their trips to Wendover, Mesquite, and Laughlin, Nevada.

In October 1997, she and her sister, along with a son and niece, traveled to Rovetta, Italy to revisit her childhood home and relatives. It was a very memorable trip as she remembered many of the streets, church, school, and neighborhood where she spent her early childhood days.

Favorite accomplishments: Ancelia has voted in every presidential election since 1932 and hopes to do so again in the 2016 elections.

Impressive changes: Her most impressive changes were the kitchen stove and the radio.

Hobbies and activities: In her spare time she always enjoyed sewing and loved to crochet, embroider, and quilt. She belonged to the Notre Dame Altar Society quilting group for over thirty-four years. Failing eyesight has caused her to abandon these hobbies. She is an avid Utah Jazz basketball fan.

Descendants: Two sons and one daughter.



Marinoni family, Idaho 1926



Age thirty-five



Ancelia's 100th birthday

Birdice Crouch Markham

Birdice Crouch was born in 1912 in Willard, Utah, the youngest of nine children born to William Arthur Crouch and Eliza Mortensen Crouch. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Birdice was born on a farm in Willard, Utah, the ninth and last child of a family of six girls and three boys. Her family had lost both a boy and girl as infants. Her father's parents were Mormon pioneers who arrived in Utah from England in 1859. Her mother came to Utah from Denmark in 1889 with a group of Scandinavian converts, helped by Scandinavians already in Utah.

About a month after Birdice was born, the “Unsinkable” Titanic sank in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage. Birdice witnessed many other important historical events during her childhood including: New Mexico becoming the forty-seventh state and Arizona becoming the forty-eighth state; the Oreo and Lorna Doone cookies were introduced by Nabisco; Edgar Rice Burroughs’ *Tarzan of the Apes* was published; Zane Grey published *Riders of the Purple Sage*; Woodrow Wilson defeated Theodore Roosevelt and President Taft for United States president; the new Ford car sold for \$690.00; certain acts between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, as well as other nations, precipitated the beginning of World War I.



As a little girl

Shortly after Birdice’s fourth birthday her family’s home caught on fire and burned to the ground. Alarmed neighbors came running to help, but could save only a few pieces of furniture, one of which contained precious pictures and objects invaluable to the family. The family decided to move temporarily to Ogden until the house could be rebuilt.

Birdice’s family quickly became involved in finding employment, attending school and becoming involved with the different church wards in which they lived. There were never any little girls close to her age in her family, so Birdice found friends at church and later at school. She remembers always having plenty of activity within her family.

Birdice’s family kept their farm in Willard for about ten years, traveling the fourteen miles between Ogden and Willard to plant and harvest the peaches and other fruits and vegetables. It wasn’t until Birdice was fourteen years old when her parents decided to stay in Ogden permanently and sell the family farm.



As a young woman

Birdice graduated from Ogden high school in 1930 and was fortunate to find employment at the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company before the Great Depression struck. At that time all telephone calls were handled by the operators. When she retired in 1977 the need for operators had greatly diminished. Today they are gone.

Birdice used her vacation time to travel every year. She visited Russia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, many countries in Europe, the Holy Land, Egypt, most of the United States, parts of Canada, and Mexico. On one of her trips to Mexico, she met Ira J. Markham on the same tour. He later became her husband. He died in 1989. Birdice also took a leave of absence from the telephone company to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Eastern States Mission.



Age thirty-seven



Birdice and Ira on their wedding day

Birdice has always been active in her church. She served as ward organist and Ogden Stake organist in the Ogden Tabernacle. She was also an organist in the Ogden Temple for about twenty-five years. Birdice considers herself privileged to have had the opportunity to play the organs in the Salt Lake Tabernacle and Conference Center for a few minutes. Outside of her callings as an organist, Birdice served as Young Women's president, Sunday School teacher, Relief Society teacher, visiting teacher, and a membership clerk. She also served as editor of the ward newsletter. She currently serves as a ward organist and as a visiting teacher. Birdice is finishing a book detailing her family's history and although she feels her health is not as good as it was a year ago, she is thankful to be alive. Birdice believes there is so much more she would like to accomplish.

Verna Bennion Melville

Verna Bennion was born in 1913 in Taylorsville, Utah to Hyrum Bennion Jr. and Nellie North Bennion. She is one of eight children. She has outlived all her siblings.

Education: She graduated from Granite high school and attended LDS Business College.

Outstanding memories: Verna was the fifth child and second daughter of her parents. She grew up in Taylorsville, Utah. She married Alton Crane Melville, an attorney, in Salt Lake City in 1933. Together they were active in both church and civic projects as they raised their three children.

Alton and Verna traveled to many parts of the world in connection with Alton's service as a president of the National Ski Association. As an internal director in Lions International, Verna's most vivid memory is the day the Bennion family flour mill in Murray burned down.

Favorite accomplishments: Verna is very proud of her family. They each have different talents, but they all have learned to care about others. She has enjoyed singing in groups and leading musical groups. "I have sung in trios, quartets, and many choirs. We sang mostly religious and patriotic songs." She was also in the cast of several operettas in high school. Verda loves cooking and being a hostess for family and friends, everyone enjoys her whole wheat bread, pecan rolls, and fudge. She enjoys to cook, sew, knit, and tatt. She made her own wedding dress and suits for her son and his cousin from their fathers' old worn out suits during the war. She sewed dresses for her girls as they were growing up, knitted ski sweaters for all the family, and knitted a blanket for each great-grandchild. She also tatted some lace for her great-granddaughter's wedding dress. Verda has worked on many civic projects with the Millcreek Lady Lions Auxiliary and was wife of a Lions International Director. In 2012, she was named the "East Mill Creek Citizen of the Year" and rode in the Fourth of July parade. She organized the first East Millcreek parade in 1936.



Early teens



Wedding day 1933

Impressive changes: "We had a horse and buggy with three seats. The backs of the front and second seats were back to back. Later, we had a car and I would ride with my father, who was the bishop, to visit people in the ward. I often would sing a song for the shut-ins."

"Airplanes were a novelty and we went to Murray to watch them fly. Later, I traveled to Europe, Egypt, South America, and Hawaii. I welcomed the new modes of travel."

Hobbies and activates: "I am a University of Utah fan and a Jazz fan. I enjoy watching basketball, football, and some other sports. I enjoy reading local history and retelling old family stories to my great-grandchildren. I like sight-seeing in the canyons and parks. I enjoy being around people, particularly young people."

Secret to longevity: “I don’t have one. Getting older just happens while you are busy doing something else.”

Best advice: “Enjoy whatever you are doing, whatever comes along. Even at times when you are discouraged, look for the best.”

Descendants: Three children, fourteen grandchildren, fifty-four great-grandchildren, and fifteen great-great-grandchildren.



Verna performing

Georgia Ellen Cooper Mustonen

Georgia Ellen Cooper was born in 1913 in Bozeman, Montana the oldest of two children born to John Edward Cooper and Alice Erma Henke Cooper. She has outlived her only brother.

As Georgia turned 100 years old late 2013, she looks back on a good and full life. She lived in Bozeman until she was in the sixth grade. Then they moved to Aberdeen, Washington for a year, then to Mt. Vernon Washington until she was married. She took a commercial course in high school and enjoyed doing stenographic work. She also performed in school musicals, which she greatly enjoyed. Later she attended Cornish School of Arts in Seattle, where she studied piano and voice. Her father had a laundry and dry cleaning plant in Mt. Vernon. He had a heart attack while she was away at school, so she came home after completing her first year to work and help her mother with the business.



When her father was well enough to come back to work, she went to work in the time payment department at Montgomery Ward. She met Clayton

Adolph Mustonen that October. They had been friends in high school, but after graduation they went their separate ways. When she went to work at Montgomery Ward, he was working in the large appliance department, where she arranged the financing for many of his customers. Their first date was in November when he invited her for a Sunday drive to go see the snow, about fifty miles away in Wenatchee. They dated for several months, and were married on in 1938 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Vernon.



Georgia (right), with her mother, Alice and brother, Edward

Georgia's parents wanted her to have a singing career but she didn't want to. She had training in office work and enjoyed shorthand and typing, and she found several opportunities to use those skills in her many years of employment. She had talent in singing though, and sang at many churches and other functions over the years. While living near Everett, Washington she had a tubal pregnancy and infection set in requiring surgery. She wasn't able to have any children after that. In the 1950's they moved to Wenatchee, Washington and went into business for themselves selling

Evinrude boats and motors, and basically everything needed for boating. They called it Musty's Marina (Clayton was known to many of his friends as "Musty").

Clayton was a very good salesman and the business was quite successful. Clayton and Georgia enjoyed traveling and visited beautiful places. They had a happy marriage and enjoyed each other as good friends. In December 1989 Clayton suffered a stroke and died soon after. They were married for fifty-one and a half years. Georgia misses him deeply.

In 2003, she moved to St. George, Utah to be closer to her dear friends. She lived in The Meadows Assisted Living Community for about nine years and has now lived in Kolob Care Center for almost a year. Longevity seems to be part of her heritage. Her grandfather died at ninety-eight years of age and her mother at ninety-six. She is confined to bed, using oxygen, and she is dependent on others for her care. But she has had a good life – all 100 years' worth.



Georgia and brother, Edward

Favorite accomplishments: Success in her employment, a good marriage, singing in churches, her many friendships, and being the queen of the Hickory Nut Festival in Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Impressive changes: “Technology has developed so rapidly; so many things like cell phones and computers we never dreamed were possible; and still I don’t know how to operate! Great strides in medicine are miraculous in saving lives and treating illness.”

Hobbies and activities: “I used to enjoy to cook, travel, sing, and play piano. I still love having friends come to visit.”

Secret to longevity: “Hard work and having lots of birthdays!”

Best advice: “Work hard and do your best in all that you do. Take advantage of every opportunity coming your way. Live life to the fullest and enjoy every moment!”



Georgia and Clayton 1938



Georgia and Clayton 1988

MaRee Jane Edwards Nelson

Maree Jane Edwards was born in 1913 in Salt Lake City Utah to Homer P. Edwards and Martha Mattie Miles Edwards. She is the oldest of four children and has outlived all her siblings.

Education: MaRee attended Duchesne County high school. She was secretary of the student body her senior year. She also attended the University of Utah where she graduated in 1935. She has a bachelor's degree in home economics, majored in textiles, and minored in foods.

Outstanding memories: MaRee's mother was very busy teaching English and Latin at the Duchesne high school so she took over the cooking at their home when she was twelve or thirteen years of age.

She loved to sew so she made dresses for cousins and sisters. She made up the patterns. She started when she was about twelve years old. During high school her home economics teacher, Miss Woodside, was an inspiration. She loved sewing so much while she was going to the University of Utah, she made curtains for the Union Boulevard and helped to hang them.

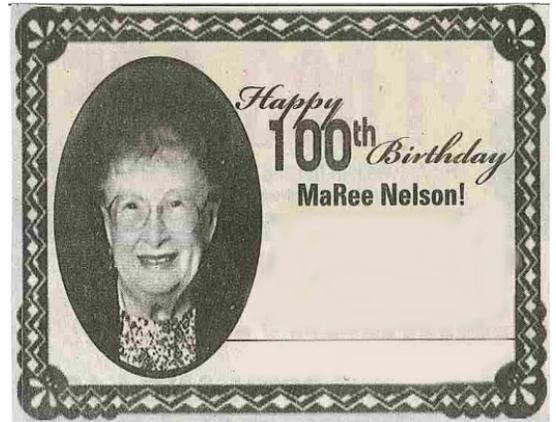
MaRee met her future husband while in high school. Her mother was directing a three act play for the school and he was playing Sir Lancelot, so MaRee asked her mother about him. She even told her mother to invite him home for dinner! MaRee's mother often had students over to their home for dinner the night of the play. After meeting, they became fast friends and soon dated. MaRee's senior year of college they wanted to get married, but her mother wouldn't allow it. She told MaRee she was not to get married until she had graduated. So as soon as MaRee graduated, the morning of June, 1935, they got married that night in the Salt Lake Temple! Elmo had one more year at BYU so they both decided to enroll. "I was going to get my masters, but I soon became pregnant and decided my daughter was my priority."

Favorite accomplishment: MaRee's greatest accomplishment is her wonderful children, and raising and loving them. She has four children (two boys and two girls), twenty-three grandchildren, sixty-nine great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren with two more on the way! She also feels graduating from the University of Utah was very special, as she feels an education is very important.

MaRee's work in the church has also been a great importance to her. She has taught Primary, Sunday school, and Relief Society. She was president of Relief Society. MaRee also values Daughters of Utah Pioneers, where she taught lessons and did presentations.

When MaRee was in high school she performed in many three-act plays, her mother directed so many three-act plays, that it gave MaRee a wonderful opportunity to get involved in theatre. She also played the violin in the high school orchestra.

Impressive changes: There have been many changes which have taken place during MaRee's life. Some of the most impressive changes she has seen are how cars have changed



from being tiny, to large and comfortable. Also not having air conditioning was common and now almost everyone has air conditioning to give you comfort on hot days, the same with heaters which keep you warm on cold days. Traveling has turned into a comfort, as airplanes have changed from something very few have experienced, to a mode of transportation everyone can use and be comfortable while traveling, and the speed they bring to trips. MaRee has also experienced a balloon ride over the Salt Lake Valley!

Hobbies and activities: MaRee loved to travel to state parks, especially Utah Parks. Her father took them to so many wonderful parks when she was growing up. One time she rode on a motorcycle with her cousin to enjoy a trip through Yellowstone National Park.

MaRee loves to read wonderful stories and biographies, but she feels her special hobby is to sew, using basic patterns and imagination to make dresses of all sizes and all designs for her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her great-great-grandchildren. “I love to sew every day (except Sunday) making fun clothes for all my grandchildren. “The new sewing machines let you do so many special things.”

MaRee also loves to cook, making special recipes to take to family gatherings.

Secret to longevity: MaRee’s secret to longevity is to “Do something you love to do, do it with a passion and to keep healthy by eating nutritious foods daily, exercising every day, and never drink alcohol, beer, or anything which is not good for your body.”

Best advice: “Love your children and family with all your heart. Teach them to believe in Jesus Christ and keep the commandments. Help them in so many ways to be self-reliant and love your neighbors and family.”

Descendants: Four children, twenty-three grandchildren, sixty-nine great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.

Leland “Lee” Jerome Paxton

Leland Jerome Paxton was born in 1903, in Park City, Utah. He was the second child born to Jerome Francis Paxton and Alice Turner Paxton; with the help of a doctor, Lee was born at his parent’s house. Leland has outlived his older brother.

Education: Leland attended Park City Grade School and Lincoln Jr. high school, when he graduated; his high school diploma was signed by his father, who was president of the school board at the time. In 1934, Lee attended Westminster College (he is the oldest living alumni of Westminster College). Lee obtained a Business degree from the University of Kansas.

Outstanding memories: Lee spent his youth in Park City. He was once a Park Record delivery boy, worked at a bakery, and at Kimball’s Garage, now the site of the Kimball Art Center. He recalls the railroad which once operated in Park City, the silver-mining era, and going to silent movies at the Egyptian Theatre.

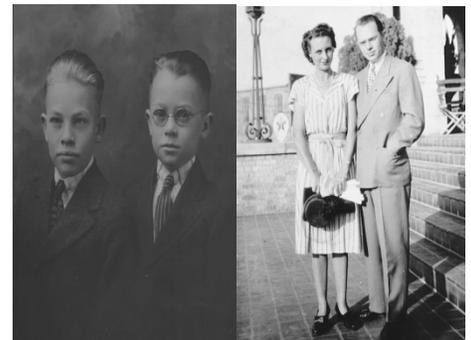


The Overland

In 1928 while working at Kimball’s Garage, Bob and Gill Kimball said “Lee could have the “Old Overland” made by Willis-Overland Motors” but it needed a new transmission. With a friend’s help, they found out the car had a three reverse gear and one forward gear, eventually they corrected the problem, and finally, with

permission from the police station they were able to test drive it - they made it work! Lee has never forgotten the excitement of that day. Lee and four friends told their parents they were taking the car to camp on Provo River, but they were actually planning on going towards Bryce Canyon. On the way, the car broke down and they had to confess to their parents. Lee thinks the car may still be in Richfield, Utah. Curiously, Lee was granted a non-expiring driver’s license.

During his young adult years, Lee worked for J. Eastman Hatch Insurance. In September of 1939 he married Zella Penrod. Lee spent his career in the insurance industry and retired in 1968. After retirement, Lee traveled the world with wonderful friends; he still lives in the home he built in 1941.



Lee and Clarence

Lee and Zella

Favorite accomplishments: Lee loves the Scout Program and attended Roy Scout Jamboree in 1952, in Washington D.C. He was Assistant Scoutmaster and oversaw 5,200 scouts in attendance. Lee has always given extra care to family, friends, and anyone in need.

Impressive changes: The evolution of the telephone – “We went from having a phone operator and now telephones are carried with you.” Radios – “I remember the family would gather around the radio to listen, and now, everyone has their own personal devices, which to me lessens family time together.” Transportation – “It was an event to take the train from Park City to Salt Lake City; now it takes twenty minutes.” “All the new changes have made many things easier and faster, but not necessarily better.”

Hobbies and activities: Not many! Lee is not able to see right and he is not very mobile these days, but he likes to listen to music, and to the news, enjoys his daughter’s garden, and sharing time with his family.

Secret to longevity: “Reaching my 100th year is more or less a mystery to me.”

Best advice: “Keep going!”

Descendants: Three children, eleven grandchildren, and twenty-five great-grandchildren.



A child



A young boy



High School graduation



A young adult

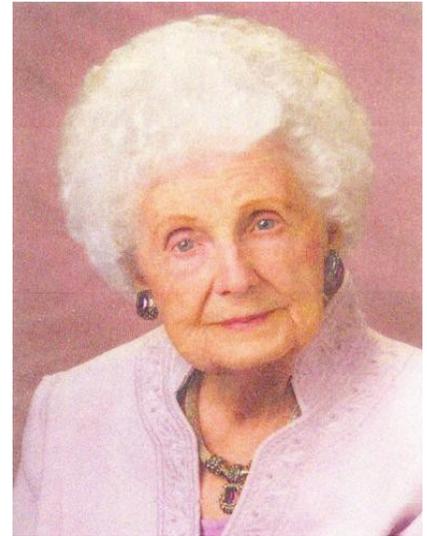


Lee (center) and his family

Beatrice Robison Payne

Beatrice Robison was born in 1909 in a two-room house in Byron, Wyoming, the third of seven children born to John Albert Robison, Jr. and Rachel Permillia Lindsay Robison.

Outstanding memories: When Beatrice was five years old, her father purchased a farm and built a two-room house, filling the sides of the home with sand for insulation and warmth. For light, the family had kerosene lamps which they carried with them from one place to another. The kitchen stove was a cast iron cook stove, which had six lids, with a tank attached to the right end of the stove. This reservoir held an ever-ready supply of hot water for cooking or washing dishes, clothes, etc. To clean the stove, Beatrice and her family used a black polish and rubbed it on the stove with a cloth until it would shine. Nothing was wasted in the Robison home. The ashes from the stove were carried outside and spaded into the vegetable gardens and flower beds.



Some of Beatrice's favorite recreational activities included swimming in the canal and dancing. They had local dance programs so Beatrice and her friends could dance with different partners throughout the night.

In her younger years, Beatrice traveled by horse and buggy, wagons, or by horseback. She didn't know what it was like to ride in a car, train, or airplane.



First year of life

When she was young, Beatrice's parents moved to Montana to homestead. While in Montana, Beatrice attended commercial college and learned secretarial skills. She married Arden S. Payne in the Cardston, Alberta LDS Temple in 1933 and moved to the Richfield/Glenwood area in Southern Utah for a short time. During the Depression years, Beatrice and Arden moved again, this time to Twin Falls, Idaho, where Beatrice gave birth to their only daughter. The family later moved to Great Falls, Montana where Beatrice and Arden spent most of their married life.

Beatrice worked as a secretary for Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana and later the local Social Security Office. When her family moved to Idaho, Beatrice transferred to the Idaho Falls Social Security Office where she worked until retirement at the age of sixty-



Age twenty-four

two. She and her husband moved to Provo, Utah in 1993. Beatrice and Arden Payne were married for sixty-six years before he passed away in 1999 at the age of ninety-three.

Favorite accomplishments: Beatrice is proud of her wonderful marriage with Arden and the family they raised together. She is a very talented woman who excelled in almost everything she tried to do. She was a skilled seamstress and made many beautiful dresses as well as costumes for her daughter's dance recitals and programs.

She was so talented she could simply look at a picture of a dress and be able to design and sew it. She also made draperies for her home and slipcovers for her furniture.



Age twenty-eight

Beatrice developed a talent for crocheting and created baby blankets and booties, beautiful pot holders, and fine doilies for furniture arms. She also made appliqué dish towels by the dozens. During her nineties, Beatrice made appliqué “tie quilts” using men’s ties. They were hand-quilted and then fine embroidery stitches were completed around each of the ties.

Beatrice was a great cook and entertained many guests at her table. She excelled in making beautiful and delicious candies. Her usual Christmas gifts consisted of homemade hand-dipped chocolates placed in individual wrappers and specialty candy boxes. Home-canned fruit and vegetables were always labeled and lined up on her shelf.

Beatrice was always very organized in every way. She had a certain place for each object in her home and she always knew when something was out of

place or missing. She enjoyed doing genealogy work and has collected histories and pictures of many of her ancestors. Beatrice is small in stature, but was always a giant in abilities. She is a caring mother and grandmother. She is a faithful member of her church and has held many positions of responsibility; some have been Stake Relief Society Presidency. She continues to be a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, she is the Primary President.

Impressive changes: Beatrice has experienced a variety of changes, including the advancement from horse and buggy to jet airlines, the newsreels of the sinking of the Titanic to watching a man walking on the moon. Many wars have taken place during her lifetime as well.

Hobbies and activities: Beatrice enjoys watching television and loves to travel by car to see new sights. She has traveled to every state in the United States.

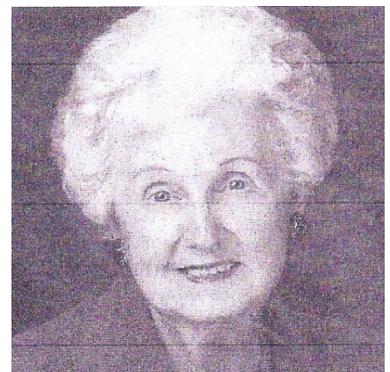
Secret to longevity: Beatrice has eaten healthy foods with very little meat; her mother lived past 100 years old.

Best Advice: Beatrice tries to find purpose in each day. She continues to have a positive outlook on life.

Descendants: One child, five grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.



Beatrice and Arden on their fiftieth wedding anniversary



Age ninety-five

Favell Plant

Favell Roskelley Plant was born in 1913 in Smithfield, Utah, the first born child to John Henry Roskelley and Hannah Favell Buck. She and three sisters are still living.

Outstanding memories: Favell attended North Cache high school in Richmond, and the Utah State Agricultural College in Logan, after which she worked at the Utah Power and Light Company as a home economist. She married the late Ross H. Plant in 1937, in the Salt Lake Temple and was dedicated to supporting him in his business and political endeavors. Favell devoted her life to service to her family, church and community, serving in various positions of responsibility in the PTA, American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary of the Utah Municipal League, Cache County Mayors Association Auxiliary, and as a trustee for the Cache Valley chapter of the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) and as a representative on the Living Well Longer Council. She was elected to two terms on the Richmond City Council, served in the Republican County Organization and as a state party delegate, and participated in the Seniors Legislative program. She also served on the Attorney General's Agree Team and the Committee on Continuing Education on Aging. She served in numerous positions of leadership in the LDS church, from Sunday School teacher to Relief Society President to the Stake MIA Board. She dedicated much of her life to family history research, participated in various family organizations, and served as a genealogy missionary at the Family History Library in Logan for twenty-seven years. Her family and friends know her as an excellent cook, seamstress, and housekeeper. Each family member treasures his or her own personal hand-made quilt. And to this day, she continues to make sure each child and grandchild receives timely cards, gifts, and attention.

Impressive changes: Transportation. "You couldn't get around like you do now." Few cars, no airplanes. She fondly remembers when she was younger they had a train from Ogden to Preston, and finds it humorous that they took it out and are now in the process of "putting it back in" (the old train was down the middle of the highway; the new, obviously, is Frontrunner). Technology. Referring to her new Kindle Fire, which she uses to listen to her old favorite music albums and to read or listen to an audiobook: "Unimaginable to me."

Secret to longevity: "I wish I knew!"

Best advice: "Be sure to get a full education." and "Keep true to your beliefs."

Decedents: Four children, ten grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.



Age ninety-nine



Age seventeen

Age sixty

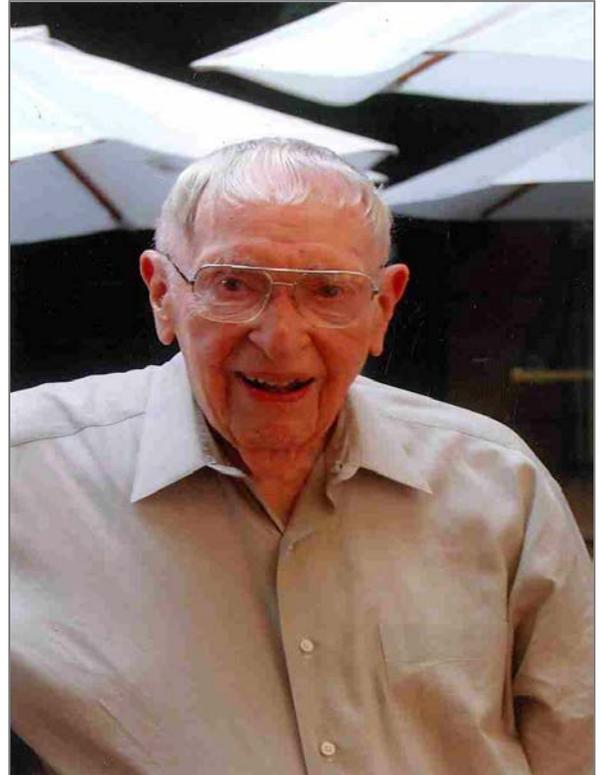
Vincent LeRoy Rees

Vincent LeRoy Rees was born in 1912 in Bensen, Utah, the first of four children born to George LeRoy Rees and Veda Mae Munk Rees. He is one of three siblings still living.

Education: Vincent attended Utah State University where he received his Bachelors of Science degree, followed by attending University of Chicago for his Medical degree, and then finally went to the University of Michigan for his training to become a Surgeon.

Outstanding memories: Vincent became an Eagle Scout at age thirteen. He was also temporarily a Park Ranger at Yellowstone National Park. After high school, he attended and graduated from Utah State University, and then moved to Chicago where he attended medical school and became a doctor. After Medical school he went to the University of Michigan where he received specialty training to become a surgeon. While in Michigan, Dr. Rees married his beautiful wife, Audrea Kay Kiser, in the Presbyterian Church. Audrea passed away in December of 2011. While she was alive they traveled extensively to every continent, except Antarctica.

Dr. Rees moved back to Utah after completing his specialty training in Michigan. At that time, he helped start a four-year Medical School at the University of Utah as Assistant Professor of Surgery. He treated patients with the first penicillin drug during World War II and he performed the first operation in the Salt Lake Ambulatory Surgical Center.



Favorite accomplishments: “My greatest accomplishments were helping people who were sick or in distress. I loved my profession and the many people I was able to help.”

Impressive changes: Dr. Rees feels the most significant changes have taken place in communication, from the crank telephone to the iphone, and in transportation, from the horse and buggy to automobiles and airplanes!

Hobbies and activities: Dr. Rees enjoys working on his personal computer. “I make all my own cards for birthdays and special occasions of family and friends.”

Secrete to longevity: “Keeping active and taking care of myself by eating well and exercising.”

Best advice: “Enjoy life and find happiness as you go along through your life.”

Descendants: Four children, sixteen grandchildren, and thirty-five great-grandchildren.

Gwen Mathews Richards

Gwen Mathews was born in 1910 in Scipio, Utah, to Richard Bruce and Charlotte Irene Robins Mathews. She was the youngest of six children and has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: Gwen attended Scipio school until age fourteen. She graduated from Millard high school in Fillmore, Utah, earned her Associate degree in Education from Snow College, and Bachelor's degree from BYU.

Outstanding memories: Gwen's family had a cattle ranch in Scipio. She had many cousins nearby, who were also her best friends. At Snow College, she was voted "Most Popular Lady". After receiving



Age five

her degree, she accepted a position as an elementary school teacher in Heber City, where she met Fred "Frosty" Richards, the basketball coach at Wasatch High. They fell in love and were married just as the Great Depression began. They had two children, a girl and a boy. They later moved to Pleasant Grove. Fred coached high school basketball at Delta, Lehi and American Fork. They added two more boys to the family. In 1944, the family bought a home in American Fork, where they resided for the next sixty-two years.



Gwen completed her bachelor's degree at BYU and on the day she graduated, all four of her children were sick with measles!

While living in American Fork, Gwen taught at the Harrington and Forbes schools for many years. She taught children in various grades, but her favorite was the third grade. Many people in American Fork remember her as their teacher. In American Fork, Rosemary and Anne joined the family, giving Fred and Gwen three boys and three girls.

Fred and Gwen were active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her favorite callings included teaching Gospel Doctrine for many years and serving as Relief Society president. Fred and Gwen were also temple workers in the Provo and Mount Timpanogos Temples. Gwen is a wonderful cook, seamstress, teacher, and scriptionist. She particularly enjoys her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoys living at The Charleston and is thankful for all the good friends she has made.

Favorite accomplishments: Gwen's favorite accomplishments include earning a bachelor's degree, maintaining a career as an elementary school teacher for over thirty years, and raising a family of six children—three boys and three girls. Gwen was also a temple worker in the Provo and Mount Timpanogos Temples.



Age seventeen



Age nineteen

Impressive changes: Technology (mind boggling!), automobiles, airplanes, computers, microwave ovens, refrigerators, freezers, social changes, especially the effects from the World Wars and Depression, economy (their first house payments were \$35 a month.), growth of the LDS Church, and number of temples.

Hobbies and activities: Playing the organ, reading, walking, serving others, attending the temple, journaling, doing puzzles, reading the newspaper every day, and studying the scriptures.

Secret to longevity: “Good genes—my mother was one of twelve children who lived into their eighties or nineties. Keep going with physical activity. Keep your brain active (memorize poetry, states and capitals, hymns, scriptures).”

Best advice: “Live a good, upright, honest, and clean life. Spend time with family—encourage and praise them, and don’t dwell on weaknesses; show love and approval. Praise children to others when the children can hear. Be positive about life. Attitude makes all the difference. Be cheerful and be grateful. Count your blessings. Strive daily to be an influence for good. Build and lift others.”

Descendants: Six children, twenty-nine grandchildren, fifty great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.



Gwen and Fred



Gwen and her mother



Gwen and her family

Velma Blankenship Saunders

Velma Bertha Blankenship was born in 1909 in Lake Charles, Louisiana, the first of three children born to Lee Blankenship and Mattie Green Blankenship. She has outlived her brother and sister.

Education: Velma graduated from high school and graduated from Western Baptist College in Kansas City, Missouri.

Favorite accomplishments: Velma was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Weber State University; Utah's Older Worker of the Year 2001; Spirit of the American Woman Award; Other awards for community service.

Despite growing up witnessing regular mistreatment of African Americans in the South, Velma was determined to make something of herself. She graduated from high school and earned a degree from Western Baptist College in an effort to make a contribution to society.

Velma's greatest pride is found in her two children. Her son served proudly in the United States Air Force and her daughter, who loves animals, established a veterinary hospital with her husband in Kansas.



Velma and Governor Herbert at the 2012 Century Club celebration

Velma moved to Ogden, Utah in 1936, where African Americans were not allowed to drink from public water fountains, use public restrooms, walk on certain streets, eat in certain restaurants, nor sit on the main floor of movie theatres. After several bitter experiences, rather than react with hate Velma decided to turn her frustration into peaceful, positive, productive community action for the benefit of her neighbors and her town. Her activities included:

1. Getting appropriate traffic signals in place for the safety of children on the west side of town.
2. Establishing a neighborhood recreation center in the central city.
3. Convincing the City Council to rid the city of a slaughterhouse which was polluting its neighborhood.
4. Helping to establish recreational senior centers, reliable transportation for seniors, and a central kitchen for Meals on Wheels.

5. Serving in community-building capacities with various official and unofficial organizations.



Velma served for over thirty years as receptionist for the Weber County Commission, finding additional ways to be of service to the public.

Impressive changes: While Velma has lived to see many technical miracles; she believes the greatest miracle of all is to see the transformation of human attitudes toward their fellow beings, in terms of tolerance and acceptance of those who are different. “After the experiences of my childhood and early adult life,” she explains, “I never thought I would live to see the day when a Black person would serve as President of the United States.”

Hobbies and activities: Velma still works as receptionist at United Way of Northern Utah and her activities continue to involve service to others. She also keeps track of community leaders and their children who treat her as their adopted mother and grandmother. Velma was at work at United Way, on her 100th birthday, still helping others.

Secret to longevity: “Getting up every morning and forgetting myself by remembering others in what I think, say, and do.”

Best advice: “As you climb the stairs of life, be nice to those you meet on the way up, for they’ll be there to catch you if ever you should fall backwards.”

My philosophy: “God gave each of us the ability to do something good in our lives. I chose community service - especially helping those less fortunate.”

Descendants: Two children, four grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, “and dozens of little children who know me as Grandma Velma.”



Velma at the 2012
Century Club celebration

Ruth Teutsch Schwager

Ruth Teutsch was born in 1912 in Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany, the second of three children born to Arthur and Clara Holzinger Teutsch. She and one of her brothers are still living.

Education: Ruth attended high school and Art School in Augsburg and Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah. She received her Bachelor's degree in 1970.

Outstanding memories: Like her mother, Ruth had great artistic talent. Wanting to develop her talent, she attended art school. She married her beloved husband, Joe Schwager, in 1934. Ruth sold beautiful batiks and designs while Joe ran his family's leather business.

In 1939, Ruth, Joe, their son, and Ruth's brothers fled to England to escape Nazi Germany. Not long after they moved to New York City, seeking a better life. Joe worked in the garment district and Ruth applied her training in art to create designs for the Dixie Cup Company. She also painted stylish handbags labeled "hand painted by a European artist." They were sold in some of New York City's finest department stores.

In 1944 the family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where Joe opened a clothing store. Ruth taught weaving at the Blind Center and the Pioneer Crafts House. She held that job for fifty-five years.



Ruth as a young woman

After Joe passed away in 1964, Ruth set out to accomplish a life-long goal—to get a college degree. She decided to attend Westminster College and made many friends among her fellow students, most of whom were younger than she was. She majored in art, with a minor in Spanish, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the age of fifty-eight. An art exhibit was held to display the artwork of graduating seniors. Although one of her paintings was stolen, Ruth was proud to see that her art was desired. She greatly enjoyed her time at Westminster.

After graduating, Ruth spent three months in South America, where she delved into the art of the various South American countries. She then created paintings and weavings which were inspired by the colorful South American cultures.

Later in life, Ruth had the opportunity to travel through most of Europe, including her homeland of Germany. She also traveled to Israel and Japan. In her eighties, she followed the "Silk Road" more than 4,000 miles across the width of China to Pakistan. Her travels gave her further inspiration for her paintings and weavings.

Ruth's home is a gallery in its own right. Ruth's walls display her beautiful artwork, reflecting her independent and adventurous spirit as well as her wonderful artistic talent.

Favorite accomplishments: Ruth did all she could to help her family survive during the severe Depression that gripped Germany after World War I. Ruth was the first woman in her hometown to get a driver's license. She considers having a happy and successful marriage and successfully adapting to a new life and a new language in America as her best accomplishments.



Impressive changes: Ruth has seen tremendous changes over 100 years. Her parents' home in Germany was the first house in the town to be wired for electricity. She remembers as a very young girl lighting the gas lamps in the house. Ruth also recalls Zeppelins flying over her home town. She has easily adapted to many changes during her life. One minor objection came years ago when her son purchased their first microwave oven. She didn't want it in her kitchen, however quickly came to appreciate its utility and usefulness.

Hobbies and activities: Ruth currently enjoys to read, visitors, and car rides.

Secret to longevity: Ruth credits her good genes for her long life. Her older brother is 103 years old and still lives at home in San Diego, California.

Best advice: Ruth never gives advice to anyone. She feels people should live their own lives the best they can. She has always had a very positive attitude, which has helped her through life's difficulties.

Descendants: One son.



**Ruth with guests and Lt. Governor Bell
at Governor's 2012 Century Club celebration**

Geraldine “Jerry” E. Griffin Scott

Geraldine E. Griffin Scott was born in 1913 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the third of thirteen children born to Leroy Richard Griffin and Elizabeth Unck Griffin. She, two sisters, and one brother have outlived their nine siblings.

When Jerry was in her late teens, her parents were in a terrible car crash and her father was killed instantly, her mother was severely injured. Jerry assumed a great deal of responsibility for her siblings after the accident while her mom recovered. She then began working in the candy industry and continued to work on and off most of her life. Jerry was the first person who learned how to run a new cellophane automatic wrapping machine that wrapped boxes of chocolate at the Sweet Candy Company.

All her life Jerry loved horses more than anything. She would pick grass all summer so her horse would have plenty to eat during the winter. She became an excellent rider and always had a close bond with horses or any animal. Jerry became a member of the Silver Spurs Riding Club for many years and rode in many horse shows and parades. Jerry married Winfield Scott, who passed away in 1993. During their life together, they enjoyed many horseback rides in the mountains. Jerry and Winfield enjoyed traveling and had numerous trips throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. She still enjoys her car rides almost every day. Family has always been very important to Jerry and she has always considered her sisters as her best friends. She still has two sisters and one brother who are living.

For many years Jerry would crochet afghans and baby blankets. She has made hundreds if not thousands of them and she always gave them away. She made many for hospitals, for the still born babies, lap robes for nursing homes, and many for family and friends all over the world.

Favorite accomplishments: Loving family. Lifelong love of horses.

Impressive changes: “Lived from horse and buggy age to the space age. Life was slower, less stressful, and happier when I was young.”

Hobbies and activities: Love horses, the outdoors, crocheting, and family trips.

Secret to longevity: “No idea why I have lived so long.”

Best advice: “Sometimes life is easy and sometimes it is very hard, but we must always persevere – just keep on going forward.”

Descendants: Two children, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



As an infant



“Days of forty-seven” Parade 1953



As a young adult

Norma E. Fereday Sherwood

Norma Elaine Fereday was born in 1909 in Mammoth, Utah, the first of two children born to Roy and Emma Simons Fereday. She has outlived her brother Dean.

Education: Norma attended Mammoth Elementary and graduated with honors from Tintic high school in Eureka, as Valedictorian.

Outstanding memories: Norma married Max Fay Hannifin in Provo, Utah when she was twenty years old. They lived in Eureka, Nephi, and Delta. Norma served in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as an organist and stake Sunday School chorister. She organized and directed the Federated Women's Chorus as well as the stake Singing Mothers. One of Norma's favorite memories is of dancing with Max in the romantic Roof Garden Ballroom on the top floor of Hotel Utah.

After Max passed away in 1952, Norma and her two young daughters spent the summer in Bryce Canyon National Park where Norma served as Dorm Mother, supervising ninety-two young women employees. She played her violin and sang with her daughters to entertain the "Dudes" on the nightly programs. She was well loved and respected by all the girls, who honored her at summer's end on "Mrs. Hannifin Day."



L-R: Norma took this picture of herself, using her new camera's time delay; Norma June 1980; Norma while she was working for the Salt Lake Tribune 1999

Norma and her daughters returned to Delta where Norma worked in a drugstore. Customers loved her charming, friendly personality and great sense of humor. She later worked as receptionist, clerk, and secretary for Millard County, during which time she met Elden C. Sherwood, a Utah Highway Patrol sergeant. They were married in the Manti LDS Temple in 1957. Together they traveled to thirteen states and attended the "Passion Play" in Dakota. Norma was a newspaper correspondent for the Salt Lake Tribune and the Daily Herald of Provo, reporting the Juab County news. She also reported "News from Nephi" five days a week over Station KOVO Radio in Provo and reported the weather statistics to KUTV Channel 2 for their nightly news. After Elden passed away in 1992, Norma took his position as National Weather Observer.

In November 1999, she was presented with a "Special Service Award" plaque from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Favorite accomplishments: Norma began studying the violin at age fourteen. As a sophomore at Tintic high school she played her violin and won the “Jones Gold Medal” for best instrumental number in a musical competition. As a senior, she played the lead role of Babs in the school’s production of “Patty Saves the Day.” She worked as a high school music teacher and played violin solos at over 500 occasions.



Norma in 1975

Impressive changes: Norma is most impressed by the advances in technology. During her earlier years, Norma was the main cashier for Norman and Jensen Department Store. She worked on the top floor and the money from all the departments was placed in a cup and sent up to her on a wire. She would make change and send it back down in the cup. Norma is amazed at television, movies, wonderful cinematography, and Dolby sound in theaters. She loves cell phones, refrigerators, and air conditioning. She appreciates seat belts, but feels that they could be better designed because they are hard to fasten on the side.

Hobbies and activities: Norma enjoys to play the piano (self-taught); to watch television shows such as *Dr. Phil*, *Oprah*, nature movies, and the *Lawrence Welk Show*; read diaries; and make new friends in her assisted living facility. She enjoys meals, visitors, and to read the Salt Lake Tribune every day. She loves to be with her daughter, Diane, and likes to go for car rides with her.

Norma played the violin in orchestras, sang in quartets, and performed in the Salt Lake Tabernacle during General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is still a member of the Old Time Fiddlers. She leads the singing in Sunday sacrament meetings held at her care facility and forges ahead in her eighty-year calling as chorister and organist in the Relief Society. She still plays her violin for special occasions

Norma loves to feed birds, especially the exotic birds that drop by her bird feeder. She is an excellent seamstress, sewing for family, grandchildren, friends, and herself. She has made many quilts, crocheted edges on blankets, and tatted countless doilies and handkerchiefs.

Secret to longevity: Norma advises, “Eat right to live long. Read current events. Go for annual doctor checkups and mammograms. Check blood pressure often. Take medication consistently and don’t miss a dose.”

Best Advice: Norma recommends, “Read other people’s biographies and apply their success stories to your own life. Learn more! Do the best you can for as long as you can. Don’t worry. Be happy!” Her motto is, “Don’t EVER give up.”

Descendants: Two children, two stepsons, six grandchildren, twenty-six step-grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.



Age 100, with her beaded graduation dress and the hat she crocheted to wear to Federated Club events

Grace Bishop Simkins

Grace Magdalene Bishop was born in 1908 in Hinckley, Utah, to Heber Lafayette and Mary Bennett Bishop. After Grace's father's first wife passed away giving birth to their ninth child, he married Mary Bennett. Grace was the fifth of six children born to Heber and Mary Bishop. With fourteen siblings Grace grew up in a large and happy family. She has outlived all of her siblings and half-siblings.

Education: Grace attended elementary and high school in Hinckley, Utah. She continued her education in St. George and at the College of Southern Utah in Cedar City (now Southern Utah University), and received a teaching certificate from BYU.

Outstanding memories: While Grace was teaching elementary school in Hinckley, one of her co-workers was Philo T. Farnsworth, who was working on a special project which eventually became the television. During that time, Grace was courted by Joseph Vergene Simkins. They were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in June of 1930.

Favorite accomplishments: Grace and Vergene made their first home in Cedar City, Utah, where their three daughters and two sons were born. In 1958, Grace renewed her teaching certificate at Colorado State University. Two years later, she signed a contract to teach in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she taught until she retired in 1975. While in Las Vegas, she continued her studies, and upon retirement, she had almost completed her Master's degree.

After retiring, she and Vergene moved to Sandy, Utah to be nearer their family. After Vergene passed away in 1993, Grace continued to live independently in her home in Sandy.

Of all her assets and accomplishments, Grace's favorite is her family.

Impressive changes: Grace is impressed by the amazing technological changes she has witnessed throughout her life. When Grace was born people used horse and buggy for transportation. She has since witnessed the space age and now is impressed by the large technological changes of the electronic age.

Hobbies and activities: Music and performance have been of special interest to Grace. She enjoyed to play the piano for family and church gatherings, to write poetry, and to create and perform in operettas and roadshows. Knowing what a blessing they were in her life, Grace encourages her children and grandchildren in their theatrical and musical endeavors. She has written a book titled *Living with Grace*, which includes some of her poetry and delightful renditions of her lifetime experiences. Her book is a family treasure.

Grace also loved to travel. She enjoyed her visit to Hawaii and various European countries, and the tours to U.S. and LDS Church historical sites. Grace was also an avid reader while her eyes were still good. She is still an



Age eighteen



As a young adult

enthusiastic Utah Jazz fan and although her fading hearing and vision do not allow her to get the full effect of the games, she faithfully cheers the players on.

Secret to longevity: “Caring for her body by never using tobacco or alcohol, eating properly, and exercising.”

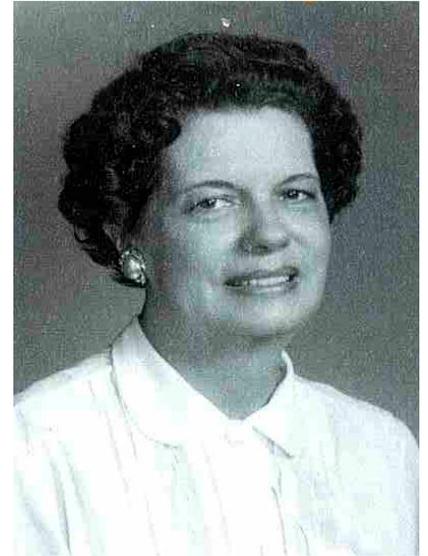
Descendants: Five children, eighteen grandchildren, forty-six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.



Grace, with her brother Nelson



With her mother at her graduation



At age fifty-three

Aline Coleman Smith

Aline Coleman was born in 1911 in Provo, Utah, the first of six children born to Jacob and Allie Smoot Coleman. She and two sisters have outlived their three brothers.

Education: Aline attended Brigham Young Academy from kindergarten through high school. She was offered the position as BYU's first modern dance teacher at age fifteen. With a background in ballet, BYU sent Aline cross country to study modern dance with dance pioneers Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn at the prestigious Denishawn School of Dance in Connecticut and New York. Aline later did advanced graduate work under Margaret H'Doubler at the University of Wisconsin.



Outstanding memories: Aline grew up in Provo, Utah. She spent her summers at Wildwood in Provo Canyon she swam in the Provo River, rode her Shetland pony, played outdoor games, enjoyed big bonfires every night, sang, and told stories. Aline met her husband, Virgil Smith, at BYU and they were later married in December 1933 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Their son, Jay Coleman Smith, was born in Provo in 1939, while Aline was teaching at BYU. Aline, Virgil, and Jay later settled in Boise, Idaho, where they lived for thirty-five years. Jay eventually became a lawyer but unfortunately passed away suddenly at age thirty. Aline took care of her parents in their declining years. She devoted constant care for the final five years of their lives.



Aline at age nine

Favorite accomplishments: Aline began her teaching career as BYU's first modern dance instructor at age eighteen during the Great Depression. Aline taught while working on her undergraduate education, accepting tuition in lieu of a salary. After graduating in 1933, Aline worked as a full-time faculty member until 1939 when she gave birth to her son, Jay. She worked part-time for the next two years until she and her young family moved to Boise, Idaho. Aline's contributions are considered by many to be part of the foundation and grounding of what would later become BYU's award winning Dance Department. After leaving Provo, Aline was still passionate about dance. She worked at the local YWCA in Boise, teaching dance and fitness classes. She attended Young Women's activities in the LDS Church and trained young women to perform in the all-church dance festivals held in the University of Utah's Rice Stadium in Salt Lake City. She also created many beautiful patterns for needlepoint.

Impressive changes: Aline is impressed by automobiles, airplanes, radio, television, and computers. She believes these new technologies have many good qualities, such as worldwide communication, but many things can be abused, too (i.e. pornography, isolation, etc.).

Hobbies and activities: Aline enjoyed to read, needlepoint, and cross stitch. She appreciated her travel in Europe and Africa and attending graduate school in Madison, Wisconsin. She now enjoys books on tape, classical music, and visits with friends and family.

Secret to longevity: Aline credits her long life to good genes (her father lived to be ninety-four, and her mother lived to be ninety-two), family support, good doctors and dentists, exercise, being physically active, eating a healthy diet, participating in social activities, and having many good and lasting friendships.

Best advice: Aline advises, "Be curious and optimistic. Avoid negativity. Keep your mind and body active."

Dixie K. Mangum Snow

Dixie K. Mangum was born in 1913 in Provo, Utah, the fifth of eight children born to W. Lester Mangum and Jennie Knight Mangum. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Outstanding memories: Dixie's first chore as young girl was weekly dusting of the banisters across the upper hallway and down the staircase in her parent's large home. Hired help and luxuries disappeared during the "terrible reversal in the Depression". The summer home in Springdell, Provo Canyon, where Dixie experienced the exquisite joys of freedom to swim, hike, and explore the wonders of nature was also sold. Her mother insisted the children take piano lessons and play other instruments; her mother chose the cello for Dixie. Although she received an offer to be trained by a notable cellist, she declined. She was not the duplicate of her mother, whom Dixie felt may have been "a thwarted musician." Dixie was in high school before she realized there were people who did not accept the Mormon faith as truth. She found nonmembers to be interesting, yet they were not under "the shadow of her parent's educational goals." Dixie's mother was on the general board for the YWMA (mutual) when Dixie was eleven. When she was seventeen, her mother gave birth to the last baby. Her father was out of town on business during the difficult delivery and her mother needed support. Dixie attended school half a day and hurried home to aid her mother with the many chores during the rest of the day. Being of service and feeling mature enough to bear some of her mother's responsibilities gave Dixie pleasure. Another time she was allowed to borrow her dad's Ford to travel to Idaho to stay in a cabin with three girl friends for a week. They rode on horseback to the Snake River to bathe. During hard times the family opened the Provo house up to university boarders. Dixie completed three years at BYU, a few credits at a time, while fixing breakfast for the students and then working as a secretary for the school district. Two weeks before the new school year began, Dixie expressed to her boss her desire to live with her married sister and work in Washington, D.C. He said he would release her from her obligation if she promised to marry his single nephew, Bill Snow. Dixie laughingly agreed.



After Dixie worked for a few months in Washington, while living with her married sister, Bill Snow offered a job to her and to her brother-in-law and helped move them to New York City where they settled in Queens. Bill hired Dixie as his secretary and began immediately courting her in earnest. He was eleven years her senior and for many years she has been aware of him in Provo before he had moved to the East. Bill was tall, he played basketball and tennis well, and his charisma made all who knew him feel good to be in his presence. He fell in love with this "cute little thing" named Dixie as he took her to dinner, to movies and as they spent time after work talking. Very few in the office knew of the budding romance, but one of Bill's associates challenged him with a fifty dollar offer to hear the proposal. Bill immediately buzzed Dixie to take dictation for a letter. "Dear Miss Mangum, Will you marry me" She left the office, typed the letter, adding at the bottom "Yes", and then returned it for his signature. Bill later embellished the story by saying she required it to be notarized. His sense of humor and wit enhanced the sparkle she also felt and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. They moved back to Washington, D.C. for a short time until the war broke out and he was transferred as part of the Farm Credit Administration to Kansas City, Missouri for a brief few years. Employment again moved the family, by now there were three children, one girl and two boys, back to the New York City area. They bought a home in New Jersey where they raised their family until Bill's mandatory retirement age of sixty-five. The following twenty years Bill and Dixie lived in a retirement community in Walnut Creek, California, over the mountain range from San Francisco. They traveled yearly to Utah, Puerto Rico, and six weeks in Europe, and after retirement, three weeks

in Hawaii, British Columbia, and every Christmas in Florida.

Service and acceptance of others was always present in Dixie's life. She held church callings of responsibility, volunteered for the New Eyes for the Needy, the local hospitals, community affairs, Daughters of Utah Pioneers. After fifty-three wonderful years of marriage, Bill died from massive stroke. Within a year, she moved to Salt Lake City to be closer to family. She was immediately called as counselor in the Relief Society; she served on the board of the BYU Emeritus Alumni Association, she became a member of Alice Louise Reynolds club, and the study group of Classics Club with continuing learning presentations and discussions. Since becoming a widow, having lost the companionship of a dear spouse, she recognizes the precious value of friends and relatives. She is proud of her wonderful children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

When Dixie was eight years old she was baptized and she remembers clearly her confirmation. She recognizes her relationship with Christ has sustained her through her own portion of troubles. For that reason, her favorite scripture is John 14:27 "Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto to you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." I have been able to find peace through my Savior for all things in myr life, and in my future.

Favorite accomplishments: "Living this long."

Descendants: Three children, six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Bertha Seaman Stromberg

Bertha Seaman was born in 1910 in Panguitch, Utah, to Frank W. Seaman and Lena Ipson Seaman. On both sides of her family, Bertha is the granddaughter of hardy Mormon pioneers who settled Southern Utah. Bertha was the second of ten children. She and one sister have outlived all her other siblings

Education: Bertha attended elementary school in Panguitch and junior high and high school in Cedar City. Her parents valued education and planned for all their children to attend the Branch Agricultural College (BAC) in Cedar City. Bertha received a certificate in elementary education from the BAC. She enjoyed home economics and dance.

Outstanding memories: Bertha's father was Ranger of Dixie National Forest in the Cedar Breaks National Monument area. Bertha spent her summers on Cedar Mountain and has vivid memories of playing with her siblings in pristine meadows, lakes, and streams. Bertha remembers raising lambs abandoned by their mothers and swishing a pail of fresh cream for hours in a tub of snow to make ice cream. Bertha also had heavy responsibilities at a young age. She herded cows and sheep on horseback, sometimes in dangerous conditions. When Bertha was nineteen years old her mother died, leaving much of the housekeeping and childcare to her.



As a young woman

In 1936, Bertha married Noel Stromberg, whom she met at a Civilian Conservation Corps dance. Shortly after their marriage, Noel landed a job with Metropolitan Life Insurance and the new couple moved to Park City. The Depression was a difficult time for Bertha and Noel. The snow was deep, the silver mines had closed, and people were barely surviving. Noel and Bertha's son, Kirk, was born in September 1937.

The family moved to Salt Lake City, then to Ogden where Noel worked at Hill Field during World War II. After the war, they moved back to Salt Lake, where Bertha kept a spotless house and garden for more than fifty years. Her beloved Noel died at the age of ninety-one in 1995 and Bertha moved to an assisted living facility ten years later.

Bertha's family members describe her as a gentle woman. Always the family peacemaker, Bertha hates disharmony and conflict. "Every day when I returned home from school a cheerful mother greeted me with a smile and freshly baked cookies," her son, Kirk, recalls. "She loved to read and showed me how to be a curious reader with a lifetime zest for learning. She knew all my friends and about most of our successes and our pranks."

Favorite accomplishments: Bertha was an accomplished cook and entertained guests regularly. Her Thanksgiving dinners, astounding repertoire of cookies, and homemade lemon ice cream have caused many to swoon. Any visitor to her home, whether friend or repairman, enjoyed her cookies and baked goods. Bertha was an expert at sewing, piecing quilts, embroidering, knitting, and crocheting. She gave many of her perfectly executed creations as gifts and taught handicrafts to others. Never idle, always efficient and thorough, Bertha served as genealogist for both her husband's family as well as her own. She is still the go-to person for questions of ancestry. Bertha also served as ward Relief Society President and as Secretary/Treasurer. She was active in Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She has never missed voting in an election.

Travel: Bertha traveled throughout the United States with Noel on business. When Kirk moved to the Washington, DC area, they visited him regularly. In the late 1970s, Kirk, Noel, and Bertha made a trip to Northern Europe to visit the ancestral homes of the Strombergs (Sweden), Seamans (England), and Ipsons (Denmark). Several years later, the family toured New Zealand together.

Impressive changes: Bertha has rode in a horse buggy and has now crisscrossed the globe in a jet. She is grateful to have witnessed these amazing changes.

Hobbies and activities: Despite losing her sight to macular degeneration twenty years ago, Bertha has never complained about her difficulties. She found new resources and learned to rely instead on her other senses, keeping her sharp and active. She has crocheted hundreds of afghans for family, friends, and humanitarian service. Even in her nineties, Bertha continued to crochet and donate dozens of small afghans for babies and toddlers as a service project for hospitals, relief efforts, and AIDS babies. She regularly listens to books on tape, especially histories, and participates in activities at the assisted living facility. She loves to visit with family and friends. Bertha has also always been very active in her local LDS Relief Society.

Secret to longevity: Heredity (Bertha's Grandmother Seaman lived to be ninety-nine), live healthy, loving relationships with family and friends.

Best advice: "Always wear a smile. Laugh a lot – especially at yourself."



Ruth MulKay Turner

Ruth Elsie MulKay was born in 1911 in Bingham, Utah, the third of ten children born to Leslie and Anne Jones MulKay. She, one of her brothers, and one sister are still living.

Education: Ruth attended elementary school in American Fork, Utah, junior high school in Superior, Wyoming, high school in Pacific Grove, California, and beauty school in Watsonville, California.

Outstanding memories: Ruth's father was a coal miner so the family moved frequently and Ruth had the opportunity to see much of the West. The MulKay family eventually settled in Pacific Grove, California. Ruth married Gerald Emmett Turner in 1929 and they had their son, Gerald Lewis in 1931. Ruth completed beauty school in Watsonville, California and operated her own beauty shop. The first shop she opened was in Pacific Grove, California and she later opened another in Olympia, Washington. After their son graduated from law school, Ruth and Gerald moved to Utah to be closer to him and his family. Ruth has spent many hours doing genealogy research. She traveled to Ireland, Wales, and London, England to meet distant members of their family. When she was about sixty, Ruth began to quilt. She has since made more than a hundred quilts for her family and friends.



Favorite accomplishments: Ruth considers her greatest accomplishment as the research she completed for her family genealogy. She loved learning the history of their family and loves research of any kind. She is also proud to have made, by hand, more than a hundred quilts of all different designs. An independent business woman, she owned and operated her own beauty salons.

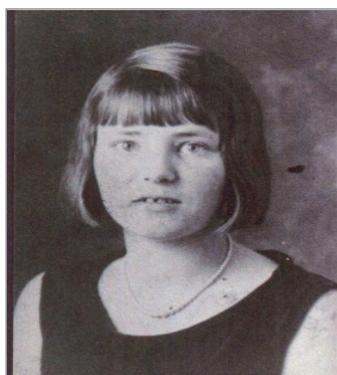
Impressive changes: Ruth is most impressed by the changes in transportation. When Ruth was young her family traveled by horse and buggy. Their family bought their first car when Ruth was ten years old. It was a Model-T Ford and only cost \$600. "Now we travel by airplane," Ruth explains, "You don't waste a lot of time, but you miss the scenery."

Hobbies and activities: Read, study history, and visit with my friends and family.

Secret to longevity: "I don't know. You would have to ask Mother Nature. My family has great longevity."

Best advice: "Take life as it comes, and be happy."

Descendants: One child, seven grandchildren, and twenty-two great-grandchildren.



Age fourteen



Age thirty-nine

Afton R. Van Kampen

Afton Frances Rigby was born in 1911 in Newton, Utah, the oldest of five children born to Samuel Marriner and Frances Anne Cooley Rigby. She has outlived all of her siblings.

One of Afton's best friends growing up was her cousin, Harold, who lived across the street. Some of their favorite things to do as children were: play marbles, a game called "cat and dog", anty-i-over the shanty, jump in the hay, coast down the hill by their barn in a scoop shovel or an old dish pan, climb trees, and spend many hours in the sand pile.

Afton started school in Newton. She was apprehensive about going to school and wondered how she would ever learn to read. She picked up reading quickly and has been a life-long love of hers. Because of macular degeneration, she now listens the books on tape provided by the State Library for the Blind. She loves it when people read to her now.

Afton was given a lot of responsibility at a young age. Her father severely injured his leg when Afton was twelve years old. He was admitted to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City where doctors worked for a year and a half to save his leg. When Afton's mother was



able to take the train to visit him, she could not go and return on the same day. At age twelve, Afton was left to tend her younger brothers and sister overnight, cooking meals on the coal stove.



As an infant

At age four

She completed grade school in Newton and graduated from North Cache high school. She was secretary of the senior class, was a very good student, and loved to dance.

Afton always wanted to go to college, but being the oldest of five children in a family with meager resources, this was not a possibility. She worked in Logan at Christensen's as a cashier and earned \$30 a month.

Afton always wanted to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With the financial support of her mother's sister, Aunt May Eldredge, Afton was called to the Northwest States Mission which at the time covered Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, the pan handle of Idaho, and the western half of Montana. There were thirty-five missionaries. After spending a short time at the mission home in Salt Lake City, she rode the train to mission headquarters in Portland, Oregon.

While Afton was working in the mission office, President Heber J. Grant, the then Prophet and President of the LDS Church, came to visit the mission. He traveled alone by train, there was no need for security back then. Those staying in the mission home were able to have dinner with President Heber J. Grant during his stay. Afton remembers listening to the Prophet as a very



9th Grade

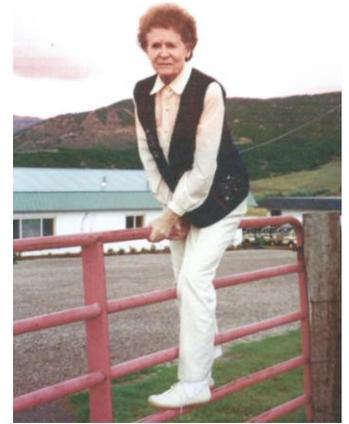
12th Grade

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spiritual and special experience. Since that time, she has met and visited with every elder who eventually became president of the LDS Church. She met most of them while her husband, Rudy, was stake president and many of them stayed in their home.

After her mission, Afton married her husband, Rudy L. Van Kampen in the fall of 1935. They had sixty-three beautiful years of marriage together before Rudy passed away in 1998.

During the Depression, Rudy was offered a job as the football coach at the University of Oregon but after Afton's Aunt May offered to lend him and his brother Dan \$5,000 to start a furniture store, the Van Kampen family decided to stay in Utah. They moved to Ogden, Utah where they built and ran the Van Kampen and Sons Furniture Store. After raising their family of four children, Afton worked with Rudy at the store until she retired in 1982.



Afton could still climb fences at age eighty-five

Afton and Rudy were a great couple. They had many friends over the years. They found friends in the LDS Church, in extended family, and even at the ranch. They danced with some, traveled with others, and studied with their study club group. Visitors knew that they were always welcome in the Van Kampen home. There was much preparation put into Afton's parties and she loved to be the hostess. Her meals were always delicious. In 1939, Afton started a club with neighborhood ladies who loved to read and listen to book reviews. The club, Litra Chimes, stayed together for sixty-eight years. She also belonged to the Score Club.

She is a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Many memories include: lunches she fixed when going to the ranch, trips to the library, trips to play at the furniture store, the candy drawer, trips to go get ice cream, Christmas Eve with white elephant gifts, Thanksgiving dinner with homemade rolls, family get-togethers, and eating around the pool table.

Outstanding memories: She married Rudy L. Van Kampen on October 24, 1935. He passed away May 2, 1998.

Hobbies and activities: Afton enjoys reading and was a member of several literary clubs, including her own Litra Chimes Literary Club. Now that her eyesight is going, Afton enjoys books on tape from the Library for the Blind.

Secret to longevity: Afton credits her love of peanuts for her long life.

Descendants: Four children, twelve grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.



1950



1970



1990

Alexander Wadley

Alex Wadley was born in 1911 to Nephi James and Jessie Robertson Wadley. Alex was born in the same house he still calls home. He lived in his family home for ninety-eight years – only leaving to move into an assisted living facility. He is still heavily involved in running his farm and visits home frequently.



Alex’s father died when he was three, leaving his mother with three young children to raise and a farm in the fields north of Pleasant Grove to run. Alex, his brother, Bryce, and sister, Lucy, became farmers at a very young age. Alex attended the Manila School where his mother was a teacher and principal, and later rode the two miles into town by horse for high school. For many years, the family walked or rode a horse nearly everywhere they needed to go. Although Alex’s father had purchased a Model-T Ford shortly before he died the family had to sell it to make ends meet. Alex was a bright student.

One of his teachers told him he should have been the valedictorian of his graduating class, but his chores on the farm kept him from participating in the extra-curricular activities that might have given him that honor. Instead, he irrigated, hauled hay, tended cherry, pear, apricot, peach, plum and prune trees, milked cows, fed chickens, and collected eggs.



Reading by his house



In knickerbockers



In his suit



With brother Bryce



As a young man

Alex went to Brigham Young University and quickly developed a deep interest in engineering. After graduating, he worked as a civil engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, BYU, and the Utah State Highway Department.

Alex was always a farmer at heart and only “worked away” to support his family and the needs of the farm. Alex loved to joke if someone asked a farmer what he would do if he had a million dollars, the farmer would say he would just keep farming until the money was gone. Alex stayed home to keep the farm going during World War II when his brother was drafted, since food production was essential to the war effort.

A cousin introduced Alex to Nelda Beckstrand, a Millard County girl who swore she would never marry a farmer. Alex soon won her over and the couple was married in 1944 in the Salt Lake Temple. On the day of their wedding there was a fierce blizzard, stopping all of the buses from running. Alex and Nelda were among the few cars that were able to get over the Point of the Mountain to reach a cold house, buried in snow, in Pleasant Grove. From this unlikely beginning, Alex and Nelda went on to raise five children and build a good life for themselves and their family with faith, love, and hard work. They have nine grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.



Alex and Nelda’s wedding day

Alex has worked two jobs most of his life, leaving his day job to come home to milk the cows, plow, irrigate, harvest hay, pick fruit, and complete the many additional tasks needed to take care of his farm. Work and service to others not only defined his life, but have always been his life. He served many years within the LDS church, serving in bishopric and other callings including thirteen years each as ward clerk and stake clerk. He served a two-year stake mission. In his mid-nineties, Alex could be found at the meetinghouse plowing the snow off the parking lot. He used his tractor like others use a motorized wheelchair. As he has grown older, it has become difficult for him to attend church meetings. This has been very hard for him – he says he'd prefer even the most relentless of physical labor. Harder still was the death of his beloved wife Nelda after sixty-one years of marriage. Still, he remains a thoughtful, kind, generous man, always making sure to have a cache of candy bars on hand to share with those who help him at the assisted living center.



Raking hay at his farm

Always presiding over morning and evening family prayers in his home, Alex's faith sustains him now as it always has. He has learned to use a computer and has written histories, letters, and birthday greetings to friends and family. He still has an excellent memory of even the minutest details of his life and times in Utah. He also enjoys memorizing poetry. Alex spends a fair share of his day watching talks and choir broadcasts on BYU TV and attends all church services available to him, including Relief Society! He always wants something to do and not to "just sit there." That has contributed to a very long and honorable life and his blood pressure is better than most a third his age. His family honored him on his landmark 100th birthday.



Spending time writing letter and greetings

Descendants: Five children, nine grandchildren, and twenty two great grandchildren.



Alex and some of his descendants at his 100th birthday celebration

Alice Mabel Welsh

Alice Mabel Welsh was born in 1912 Peterson, Utah, the youngest of five children born to Samuel Horsefield and Olivia Elstrom. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Outstanding Memories: “I remember wearing long handled drawers, long stockings, flannel petticoats, and flower sack bloomers. Hauling water from the creek in milk cans to wash clothes, using coil oil lamps. I remember my first store bought dress, it was red and white polka dots with blue satin ribbon, I also got a new pair of shoes bought for me by my sister Lenora. I rode to school in a covered wagon with a potbellied stove. My first teacher was Allie Mecham. My best friend was Josephine, our entertainment was playing run-sheepy-run, pick the can, and hide and seek. We used to cut pictures from the catalogs and make dolls and doll houses, we used to cut old pattern books for people to make dolls. We painted rocks with crayons and dressed them up as dolls. I enjoyed going to the movies at the ward once a week. I used to make homemade candy. I also used to put on plays with crepe paper dresses and sang along songs. I enjoyed holiday celebrations and picking wild flowers in the summer.

In Morgan, Utah, I worked in the Pea and Krout factories when I was young. Later, I worked at Stewart’s Café. Then I worked for Weber College, McKay Dee Hospital, and Morgan high school. I have traveled to Europe, Hawaii, Washington D.C., Southern States, and Western States.”

Impressive changes: Walk on the moon and the first airplane.

Hobbies and activities: Read, play cards, cook, and writ poems. “I am known as being the best pie maker in Morgan, Utah.”

Secret to longevity: Hard work, stay active and never give up.

Best advice: “Live a good life and help everybody you can; be a good giver and not a taker. “Have you done anything good today?”

Descendants: Four children, eleven grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren .



Mable and her red polka dot dress



As an infant

Frances Wilde

Frances Simons Wilde was born in Payson, Utah in March, 1912. Her extended family included several Utah pioneers. She was the third child of seven children born to Ezra Ord Simons and Effie Mae Mattinson Simons. She and one sister have outlived all of their siblings.

Both of her parents died when she was still quite young. As a little child, Frances learned to work in the fields. In school she loved dramatics and literature. Longfellow, Whitman, and Coleridge were her favorite writers and she memorized long passages to recite to classmates. Books were her delight, any book finding its way into the family house was immediately and voraciously read.

In the early 1930's Frances met a young man named William H. "Bill" Wilde through a mutual friend. They fell in love and were married in 1932. The Great Depression forcefully hit the nation during the early years of their marriage, but Bill always found work. He was interested in the retail gasoline trade, first leasing and then owning his own service stations. They lived in Provo, Utah during almost all of their married lives. In the early 1940, they bought a home located just below the BYU Upper Campus.

Frances and Bill had two children, both of them brought great meaning to their lives. They always said they had quality rather than quantity in regards to the size of their family. For nearly thirty years they lived in Manavu Ward in Central Provo. Frances served in the LDS church in Presidency of Primary and Relief Society; Bill served twice as Bishop of Manavu Ward. When the Provo Temple was built, Bill and Frances were called to be temple workers, in which capacities they served for almost twenty years.

Frances sometimes recites Longfellow's words: "Lives of great men often remind us we can make our lives sublime." In the century she has lived, and in her own special way, she has really tried to make her world and the people who surround her better.

Favorite accomplishments: "Raising my children, enjoying my grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Serving the LDS Church twice as the Bishop's wife, in the Relief Society, and Presidency of Primary. Twenty years of service in the Provo Temple, making and sharing memories with a great extended family."

Impressive changes: "Airplanes-riding in the air – unthinkable!, talking on the phone and seeing the person, technological changes – I cannot comprehend."

Hobbies and activities: Bingo and other assisted living activities, TV, read a little, remember poems, and visits with friends and family.

Secret to longevity: Good question.

Best advice: "Be ready for a challenge. Living to be 100 is hard."

Descendants: Two children, nine grandchildren, and twenty-nine great grandchildren.

Glen Winegar

Glenn was born in Woods Cross, Utah in 1912. Glenn was the fourth child born in a family of nine children. He is survived by one younger sister, who was born the year he graduated from high school.

As a child, he and his older brother had a pony named Mickey which they rode to school and to the movies with friends. They would have races on their pony with the neighborhood children. Mickey never won a race during the daytime, but he won every race at night. These ponies were Mustangs which were purchased and trained for the children to ride.

In 1928, the family moved to Wendell, Idaho to work on the family farm. Glenn graduated from Wendell high school in 1931. In 1936, the family moved back to Woods Cross, Utah. Glenn stayed in Wendell to work as an apprentice in a barbershop. He obtained his journeyman's license while there and in 1940 he purchased his first barbershop on 91st South and 7th East in Salt Lake City. Haircuts were fifty cents for adults and thirty-five cents for children.

In 1942, Glenn enlisted as a barber in the Navy and was stationed in Pt. Barrow, Alaska, and the Aleutian Islands during World War II. His most interesting experience was cutting hair for the Russian pilots while being grounded due to weather in Fairbanks, Alaska. In 1948, Glenn purchased a barbershop on 6th Avenue and E Street in Salt Lake City. He made many friends while there including Governor J. Bracken Lee, who was a customer for many years. In 1949, Glenn married Jennis Williams and in 1951, their twin daughters, Kayla and Karla, were born. In 1985, Glenn retired from the barbershop and in 1986, he and Jennis moved to Sandy, Utah to be near to their daughters. Jennis passed away June 2006. Glenn has continued to live in his home next to his daughters.

At the age of ninety-nine, Glenn renewed his driver license and continues to drive short distances to Wal-Mart and Home Depot to purchase products for his many projects. Most recently he has been changed sprinkler heads in his yard and dug trenches to lay new sprinkler pipe. It is fun to watch him as he cuts his lawn on his riding lawnmower. He amazes all his family and neighbors with his energy and determination to keep active.

Favorite accomplishments: Glenn feels his greatest accomplishments are his wonderful daughters and grandchildren and the loving relationships they all share. Having a close-knit family is what he feels is his greatest blessing.

Impressive changes: "During my life the war and working as a barber, I met people of many different races. I am glad that now everyone is accepted as being equal."

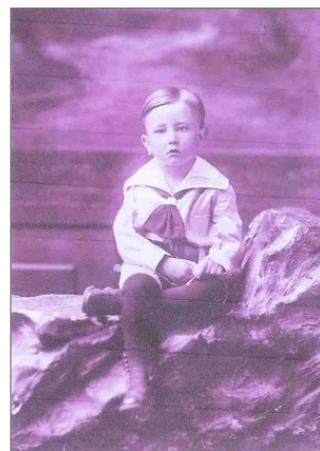
Hobbies and activities: Gardening and golf.

Secret to longevity: A good family and keeping active.

Descendants: Two children, eight grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren.



Glenn at 100th birthday party



At age four

Hazel Dean York

Hazel Dean was born in 1911 in Old Lyme, Connecticut, the third of six children born to George Robert and Lena Mae Daniels Dean. Her family lived in a big white house on the Old Boston Post Road, the same narrow dusty road our forefathers traveled between Boston and New York. There were no bridges spanning the Connecticut River so the crossings were made by barges.

Hazel's father became a teamster after finishing grade school. In Bridgeport, Connecticut he drove a team of six to eight horses for the Valvoline Oil Company. He moved to Old Lyme to learn the blacksmith trade and wagon building. After his training was finished, the family moved to Niantic, Connecticut, a village in the southern part of East Lyme.



At the big white house in Old Lyme, age six

Education: Hazel graduated from Niantic Grammar School in June of 1926. Having no high school in town, children her age traveled to New London for high school. They had their choice of three high schools. Hazel chose to attend Williams Memorial Institute, an all-girls school. After two years, Hazel transferred to the New London Business College. She attended school for nearly two terms when the Great Depression hit their area. The cost of tuition and transportation was more than the family could afford. Hazel was forced to end her education early.

Later in life, when her son graduated from high school, Hazel realized that she was the only one in her family without a high school diploma. She decided she needed to do something to change that. She enrolled in a program for high school drop-outs and earned more than enough points to earn a certificate equivalent to a high school diploma.



Twelve years old



Age twenty-two

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: During the summer of 1932, Hazel met John York and decided she wanted to spend the rest of her life with him and the two were married about a year later. A few months later, Hazel discovered she was pregnant. For the first few months of her pregnancy, the young couple couldn't afford for Hazel to visit the doctor. That spring a neighbor hired John to build a driveway and paid John \$300, which was more than enough to pay for their baby. Hazel visited the doctor and learned the charge was only \$35 for monthly visits and delivery. Hazel gave birth to a healthy baby boy in the late summer of 1934. She and John decided to name the baby George and he has been their pride and joy ever since.

By the time her son was about ten years old, the family started a poultry farm with 500 baby chicks. Over the next twenty years their farm grew to around 40,000 birds. Hazel was responsible for keeping the books and helping grade, candle, and pack eggs. She found what she had learned at business school was of little or no help to her and decided to develop her own system of record keeping instead. The first few years were hard, as it is with any new business, but the family met it.



**Hazel, John, and George
Summer 1942**

Hazel found a mobile home they loved on a nice-sized lot with a grapefruit tree, four orange trees, a tangerine tree, a lemon tree, and a banana tree. They thought it made an ideal place for a winter home. After a couple of winters, John and Hazel decided to sell their Connecticut home and move permanently to Florida. Florida was their “Play Ground” for the next twenty years. It was hard to leave their family but it was a good fit for John and Hazel.

After graduating from school, George started a dairy farm. Hazel did his bookkeeping until they decided to sign up for the Connecticut Farm Bureau’s, freeing up more time for Hazel’s hobbies.

After their business was pretty well established, the Yorks found time for a little fun. By then their son had married a lovely girl and given Hazel and John three beautiful grandchildren. George built a family home a short distance from his parents’. It was a wonderful time for John and Hazel. They learned to ski while in their fifties, went to the dog and horse races, and had time to travel.

In 1963, John and Hazel sold their farm and built their retirement home. After finishing their new home and settling in, they decided to go to Florida for a couple of weeks each winter. While there, John and



Age seventy-four



In their early eighties

While in Florida, John and Hazel bought a fourteen-foot boat and a crock pot. They enjoyed their time on the ocean, fishing, shelling, shrimping and crabbing every day, and coming home to a crock pot dinner. They traveled a lot during those years, mostly to visit relatives, “or at least that was our excuse,” Hazel chuckles. They crossed the United States several times and saw Mesa Verde, the Petrified Forest, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone Park, and Oklahoma’s Cowboy Museum. They were delegates to a National Farm Bureau Convention in California and saw as much as they could while in town. John and Hazel went to Mexico, visited Niagara Falls several times, saw the Bush Gardens, the home and museum of Thomas Edison, Disney World, Epcot Center, and the Everglades National Park. They also loved to visit race tracks. They flew to Jamaica for ten days and while there they visited where Columbus is believed to have landed before coming to America.

The couple led a happy and active life until John developed Parkinson’s disease. It came on slowly; at first, Hazel just noticed John was slowing down. He did not want to go out in the boat and Hazel thought that was a sure sign that something was wrong. There was no cure. As he worsened, their son, George, urged Hazel and John to move to Vernal, Utah where he would be able to assist in supporting his Dad. John and Hazel moved to Vernal in 1997 and John passed away in September of 1999. After the death of her husband, Hazel felt lost until she found the Golden Age Center in Vernal.

Hobbies and activities: Hazel has had many hobbies over the years. While in Connecticut, she studied antique decorating. She loved to stencil on velvet and tin, to gold leaf, to reverse paint on glass, to oil paint, to tinsel paint, and garden. While in Florida, she enjoyed ceramics, oil painting, more gardening, and restoring dolls. Hazel restored two antique dolls for her granddaughter and she enjoyed crocheting.

Secret to longevity: Hazel gives her father credit for her sharp mind as she approaches her 102nd birthday. He encouraged Hazel and her siblings to do puzzles of all kinds. To this day Hazel still does puzzle. She believes crossword puzzles help her immensely, even if she doesn't always finish them.

Descendants: Two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

More Centenarians in Utah

Orpha Addington

Born in 1913

Lives in St. George

Esther Beck

Born in 1913

Lives in Ephraim

Horace Andrews

Born in 1911

Lives in Monroe

Genevive Black

Born in 1913

Lives in Kanab

Victor Baker

Born in 1913

Lives in Clearfield

Helen Cartwright

Born in 1913

Lives in Ogden

Olive Barclay

Born in 1912

Lives in West Valley City

Willis Cowden

Born in 1913

Lives in Cottonwood Heights

Mary Bateman

Born in 1913

Lives in Bountiful

Helen Cragun

Born in 1909

Lives in Springvill

Nieves Dominguez

Born in 1913

Lives in St. George

Mildred Helvey

Born in 1911

Lives in Payson

Vera Dugdale

Born in 1913

Lives in St. George

Kathleen Jenkins

Born in 1909

Lives in South Ogden

Barbara Green

Born in 1913

Lives in Layton

Margaret Jensen

Born in 1912

Lives in Tremonton

Ezna Greene

Born in 1911

Lives in Salt Lake City

Eunice Johnson

Born in 1912

Lives in South Ogden

Nelly Hartman

Born in 1913

Lives in Cottonwood Heights

Oleta Johnson

Born in 1913

Lives in Cedar City

Roselle Judkins

Born in 1912

Lives in Salt Lake City

Ida Painter

Born in 1912

Lives in Salt Lake City

Florence Magleby

Born in 1912

Lives in Bountiful

Vilate Parrish

Born in 1911

Lives in Bountiful

Betty Mendoza

Born in 1912

Lives in Hurricane

Eloisa Pearce

Born in 1912

Lives in Orem

Della Moorhead

Born in 1913

Lives in Bountiful

Harvey Porter

Born in 1911

Lives in Layton

Hazel Mott

Born in 1912

Lives in St. George

Wanda Rampton

Born in 1913

Lives in West Jordan

Fern Naffziger

Born in 1912

Lives in Holladay

Geniel Robbins

Born in 1911

Lives in Salt Lake City

Lucille Robbins

Born in 1912

Lives in Brigham City

William Smith

Born in 1912

Lives in Santaquin

Margaret Rust

Born in 1913

Lives in Sandy

Verda Sorensen

Born in 1912

Lives in Brigham City

Eva Sampi

Born in 1913

Lives in Price

Maggie Stucki

Born in 1911

Lives in St. George

Edward Seeborg

Born in 1913

Lives in Sandy

Martin Tidwell

Born in 1913

Lives in Salt Lake City

Carrie Shank

Born in 1910

Lives in American Fork

Tressa Tidwell

Born in 1910

Lives in Salt Lake City

Ruth Skidmore

Born in 1913

Lives in North Logan

Louise Tuck

Born in 1912

Lives in Murray

Alfonzo Van

Born in 1913

Lives in Fort Duschene

Ted Wells

Born in 1910

Lives in Orem

Edith Vessella

Born in 1911

Lives in Kanab

Fern Williams

Born in 1910

Lives in St. George

Mary Walker

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Jean Watson

Born in 1912

Lives in Holladay

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Born in 1912

Lives in Layton



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